

Submissions accepted until September 30, 2011



THIRD ANNUAL
BC Aboriginal
BUSINESS AWARDS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2011



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NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE: *(An individual or business may self-submit or be nominated)*

BUSINESS NAME:

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

CONTACT NAME:

CONTACT TITLE:

E-MAIL: TEL:

ELIGIBILITY: FIRST NATIONS MÉTIS INUIT

NOMINATOR: *(If applicable)*

NAME:

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

E-MAIL: TEL:

CATEGORY: *(Please select one)*

Aboriginal Business of the Year Awards
Businesses must be at least 51 per cent Aboriginal owned and operated.

one-to-two person enterprise

two-to-ten person enterprise

10 persons or more enterprise

Young Female Aboriginal Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Young Male Aboriginal Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Aboriginal Community-Owned Business of the Year Award
Businesses must be 100 per cent community-owned to be eligible for this award.

Aboriginal Joint Venture Business of the Year Award
If your business is entering the Joint Venture award category, please include the following information about the business with which you partner:

BUSINESS NAME:

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

CONTACT PERSON: E-MAIL

TEL: FAX:

WEBSITE:

NOMINATION PACKAGE REQUIREMENTS

Please note that all materials received are strictly confidential between the BC Achievement Foundation and the nominee (and nominator, if applicable). Please ensure that you have included the following:

- ✓ Completed nomination form
- ✓ A Business Statement containing two sections (each section up to 250 words)
Section one: explanatory statement on the nature of your business (see below)
Section two: additional information about your business (see below)
- ✓ Two reference letters from individuals who can describe the impact and value of your business.
- ✓ Supporting documents – up to five additional pages of further testimonials, career resume, certificates, and media coverage may be submitted in the nomination package. Please do not include videos.

BUSINESS STATEMENT SECTION ONE: NATURE OF BUSINESS

Briefly explain the nature of the business. The judges will need to have an understanding of the viability, sustainability and competitiveness of the business. Please ensure the business' ownership structure is clearly articulated. The following information should be included:

- Ownership
- Number of employees
- Number of Aboriginal employees
- Revenue (Please provide revenue information for the past two years)
- Number of years in operation

BUSINESS STATEMENT SECTION TWO: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Briefly explain your nominee's or your business, describing its influences and challenges including a description of its organizational environment and relationships. We expect entrants to be good corporate citizens with accomplishments in areas such as social and environmental responsibility and sound employee relations (up to 250 words). Please send your completed nomination form and all supporting documents to:

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ABOUT THE AWARDS



WHAT ARE THE BC ABORIGINAL BUSINESS AWARDS?

The British Columbia Aboriginal Business Awards celebrate the province's Aboriginal business sector and its contribution to the provincial economy.

WHY PARTICIPATE IN THE BC ABORIGINAL BUSINESS AWARDS?

In British Columbia's competitive and changing marketplace, it is important to focus on ways to set your business apart from the rest. Recognition by your peers and the community will position your business as a leader to current and potential customers, as well as to your employees and the community-at-large.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Whether you are a small business owner or a sole proprietor running a business out of your home, managing a large staff of a community-owned enterprise or creating opportunities through a joint venture agreement, or you are growing a business from the ground up as an entrepreneur, these awards will recognize and celebrate your achievements.

CATEGORIES

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Businesses must be at least 51 per cent Aboriginal-owned and operated. The Business of the Year Award recognizes business achievement and celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit in three categories:

- one-to-two person enterprise
- two-to-10 person enterprise
- 10 or more person enterprise

YOUNG FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

YOUNG MALE ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

The Young Entrepreneur Award recognizes achieved success in the start-up and operation of a new or existing business. Entrants must be under 30 and awards will be presented to both a male and female young entrepreneur of the year.

COMMUNITY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

To be eligible for this award, businesses must be 100 per cent community-owned. The award will celebrate the contribution this unique business undertaking has made to capacity building and strong economic foundations in British Columbia's Aboriginal communities and in the wider economy.

JOINT VENTURE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Joint Venture Award promotes and celebrates efforts that contribute to the economic well-being of the area; increases the employment of Aboriginal people; provides learning or training opportunities for Aboriginal people and businesses; and shows a commitment to the community in which they operate. The joint venture can be with either an Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal partner.

ELIGIBILITY

- All nominees must be Aboriginal (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit).
- Individuals and businesses are welcome to nominate themselves or be nominated by a second party.
- Individuals and businesses may enter in one category only.
- Please ensure that if you are nominating a business or a business person for an award that you have the business' or business person's approval for the nomination.
- Submissions will be considered for two years.
- Non-profit or charitable groups, government agencies and institutions are not eligible for these awards.

CRITERIA

The jury panel will evaluate submissions guided by the viability, sustainability and competitiveness of your business.

SELECTION

An independent panel of judges representing Aboriginal business expertise throughout British Columbia will adjudicate the BC Aboriginal Business Awards. The judges' panel will select a first place recipient and up to two second place outstanding business achievers. The judges' panel will be solely responsible for the review, evaluation and selection of award recipients. Recipients and Outstanding Business Achievers will be invited to a Gala Presentation Ceremony as complimentary guests and their travel and accommodation expenses will be paid by the BC Achievement Foundation.



Amy Dopson, 2010 Recipient

GALA PRESENTATION CEREMONY

December 1, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver

Recipients and Outstanding Business Achievers will be honoured at a Gala Presentation Ceremony and Dinner. The event uniquely celebrates the success of businesses and is the "place to be" for anyone involved in Aboriginal Business in British Columbia.

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2010 Award Recipients

YOUNG FEMALE ABORIGINAL ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

RECIPIENT: Amy Dopson, PAC10 Tutoring, Prince Rupert

YOUNG MALE ABORIGINAL ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

RECIPIENT: Robert Ellis, Ellis Excavating Ltd., Nanaimo

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT

Michael Salto, Salto Waterworks, Kamloops

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR - ONE TO TWO PERSON ENTERPRISE

RECIPIENT: Animikii Inc., Sooke

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT

Jags Beanstalk, Haida Gwaii

MUG Solutions, Coquitlam

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR - TWO TO TEN PERSON ENTERPRISE

RECIPIENT: Little Kingdom Gas and Grocery, Vernon

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT

AJ Towing, Chilliwack

Grizzly-Man Resource Management Ltd., Merritt

Theytus Books Ltd., Penticton

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR - TEN OR MORE PERSON ENTERPRISE

RECIPIENT: Kekuli Café Aboriginal Foods and Catering, Kelowna

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT

DL Safety Consulting, Burnaby

Selkin Logging Ltd and Michell Enterprises, Fraser Lake

COMMUNITY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

RECIPIENT: Coast Tsimshian Resources LP, Terrace

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT

Quinsam Shell Service Station, Campbell River

Tseshah Market, Port Alberni

JOINT VENTURE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

RECIPIENT: Stuwix Resources Joint Venture, Merritt

Partners - Coldwater Band, Cook's Ferry Band, Lower Nicola Band, Nooaitch

Band, Shackan Band, Siska Band, Upper Nicola Band, Upper Similkameen Band

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT

Katzie Coast Marine, Coquitlam

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dolly (Watts) McRae, Port Alberni

John Harper, Victoria

THE BC ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION

The British Columbia Achievement Foundation was established and endowed by the Province of British Columbia in 2003 to celebrate excellence and achievement in the arts, humanities, enterprise and community service. As well as the BC Aboriginal Business Awards, the Foundation offers the BC Community Achievement Awards, the BC National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction, The Carter Wosk BC Creative Achievement Awards for Applied and Design and the BC Creative Achievement Awards for First Nations' Art.