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SABEX Announces Award Recipients for 2017

SASKATOON – Recipients for a variety of awards were announced this evening for the *SABEX Business Awards Program*. Hosted by the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce and presented by PotashCorp., the *SABEX Awards Gala* is a celebration of the exceptional businesses growing and operating in the Saskatoon region. The Award of Innovation, the Strategic Alliance Award, Community Leadership Award, the Nomination for the Business for Peace Award, and the Saskatoon Awards for Business Excellence (SABEX) Awards, including the prestigious Hall of Fame Award, were presented from Saskatoon Prairieland Park on Thursday, February 9th, 2017.

The SABEX Awards are open to all private sectors (non-governmental), for profit, enterprises based in the greater Saskatoon area, whether large or small. The applications were forwarded to EY for initial sorting and processing. Applications from each of the various categories were delivered to independent and anonymous judges. Judges were secured by one member of the Organizing Committee and shall remain anonymous. All applicants remain confidential unless they are Finalists and Recipients.

2017 SABEX Awards

The Award Recipients are as follows:

Business for Peace Nominee

(Sponsored by Canpotex)

An individual is nominated who through his/her actions and commitments, have contributed outstandingly to promoting the interdependent relationship between business and peace.

Mr. Murad Al-Katib



SABEX Community Involvement

Awarded to the business demonstrating exceptional performance in its support of the arts and culture, amateur sports, education, or volunteer groups. Judging takes into account the relative size of the business. Greater consideration will be given for involvement that is not an extension of the firm's main business activities. The business must be a for profit business. New this Year: Community Involvement award is open to all companies with a location in Saskatoon.

Brainsport

SABEX Customer Service

(Sponsored by Briske Financial Group - Assante)

Awarded to the business demonstrating exceptional customer service (wholesale and retail trade, purchasing and distribution, transportation, brokering, professional service, communications, and financial). Judging considers the relative size of the business. The business must be a for profit business and have their head office in the Saskatoon Region.

CRAVINGS maternity-baby-kids

SABEX Growth & Expansion

(Sponsored by Miller Thomson)

Awarded to the Saskatoon based business who has made significant changes in their business which have resulted in 'growth' or 'expansion' of 15% or more of their markets, physical locations, number of employees, etc., and which in turn has made an impact on the company's overall ability to increase its revenues, investments, and profits now or in the future. The business must be a for profit business and have their head office in the Saskatoon Region.

Vendasta

SABEX Marketing

(Sponsored by Handy Special Events)

Awarded to the Saskatoon based business demonstrating exceptional performance in marketing. The judges will evaluate the success of a marketing program giving consideration to the nature of the product and the relative size of the business. The business must be a for profit business and must have their head office in the Saskatoon Region.

North Ridge Development Corporation

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SABEX New Business Venture

(Sponsored by Tourism Saskatoon – Conventions Saskatoon)

Awarded to a new Saskatoon based business venture which has been in existence for three years or less, which has shown positive performance in terms of current or expected profitability, job creation or entrance into new markets. The judges utilize financial criteria as well as consider the nature of the new venture and its impact on job creation and market expansion. Judging takes into account the relative size of the new venture. The business must be a for profit business and have their head office in the Saskatoon Region.

Sandy Shores Resort

SABEX New Product and/or Service

(Sponsored by BDC)

Awarded to a Saskatoon region business demonstrating exceptional performance in launching a newly created Saskatchewan-made product or service in the last three (3) years, which is original and is currently available to consumers. The business must be a for profit business and have their head office in the Saskatoon Region.

SoilVision Systems Ltd.

SABEX Safety

(Sponsored by Saskatchewan Polytechnic)

The Safety Award recognizes an organization that has shown leadership through its commitment to improving its safety management practices or implemented a new, unique, forward-thinking and original idea to create a safer work environment. The business must be a for profit business and must have their head office in the Saskatoon Region. The business must be in existence for at least one (1) year.

TimeLine Logistic

SABEX Sustainability

(Sponsored by Federated Co-operatives Limited)

Awarded to a business that has demonstrated a commitment to sustainability, such as improved environmental performance, corporate social responsibility, and sustainable financial practices. The business must be a for profit business and must have their head office in the Saskatoon Region. The business must be in existence for at least one (1) year.

Chain Reaction Urban Farm

SABEX Small Business of the Year

(Sponsored by MNP LLP)

A business which has demonstrated excellence in the areas they consider key to their success. The winning business will have stated their critical success factors and clearly demonstrated how they have achieved meeting their goals in these factors. The business must be a for profit business, have their head office in the Saskatoon region, and have been in business for at least 3 years and have a maximum of 15 employees.

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SABEX Business of the Year

(Sponsored by Edwards School of Business)

A business which has demonstrated excellence in the areas they consider key to their success. The winning business will have stated their critical success factors and clearly demonstrated how they have achieved meeting their goals in these factors. Size of the business is not a criterion. The business must be a for profit business, their head office in the Saskatoon region, and have been in business for at least 3 years.

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SABEX Hall of Fame Inductee

(Sponsored by RBC Royal Bank)

One individual or business will be inducted into the SABEX Hall of Fame each year. An independent committee notifies the SABEX Committee of the recipient. The recipient will be a long-standing member of the Saskatoon region business community.

Barry & Marion Ghiglione



Award of Innovation

(Presented by ILO - Industry and Liaison Office - U of S)

The Award of Innovation has been established by Innovation Place and the ILO to honour individuals or groups at the University of Saskatchewan who have created, developed and promoted a new concept, procedure, process or product.

Dr. John Gordon AND Dr. Stephen Foley / Mr. Loghman Moradi / Mr. Hiwa Salimi

Strategic Alliance Award

(Presented by Saskatoon Community Foundation)

Saskatoon Community Foundation's Strategic Alliance Award acknowledges the importance of bringing together resources through partnerships involving businesses and charities. This award encourages the development of such alliances by recognizing business and charities, which have worked together over time to enhance Saskatoon's quality of life.

Cargill nominated by Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre

Community Leadership Award

(Presented by Cherry Insurance-Leadership Saskatoon)

The community Leadership award is presented to a community member that has displayed values in alignment with Leadership Saskatoon including citizen engagement, collaboration, inclusion/diversity and life long learning. The candidate must live in Saskatoon and area and have made a significant contribution that has reflected positively on the community of Saskatoon.

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Recognizing business excellence is an important element in creating the best business climate in Canada and to create a city of opportunity. The Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce will recognize and celebrate the many successes of Saskatoon businesses and individuals who have attained excellence on a local, national, and international level. These individuals and businesses have contributed greatly to improving the business climate of Saskatoon and area and have made a significant contribution that has reflected positively on the community of Saskatoon.

The Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce believes that the SABEX Awards demonstrate why Saskatoon shines in so many ways.

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