

IOC and FIT for Work named Employers of Distinction for 2010 Ever Green Environmental awarded Path of Distinction Award

February 25, 2011, St. John's, NL - The Newfoundland & Labrador Employers' Council (NLEC) awarded the **Employer of Distinction Awards** today in both the large and small employer category. The Iron Ore Company Canada (IOC) – Labrador Operations was named Employer of Distinction in the large employer category, and FIT For Work was named Employer of Distinction in the small employer category. Ever Green Environmental was also recognized for their achievements through a Path of Distinction Award.

IOC-Labrador Operations was recognized for their contribution to the community, their commitment to growing their own talent within their organization and their willingness to make tough decisions to protect the health and safety of their employees. Heather Bruce-Veitch accepted the award on behalf of the company. FIT For Work was recognized for their involvement of employees in company decision making and engagement of staff. Owner Sharon Horan accepted the award on behalf of FIT For Work and thanked her staff for their involvement and encouragement throughout the application process.

Ever Green Environmental was also recognized with a Path of Distinction Award. This award was designed to recognize employers who offer creativity and excellence in one of the award criteria. As an Affirmative Business, one-third of Ever Green's employees have a disability or are disadvantaged in the labour market, and they receive no subsidy for operations. They were recognized for their achievements in HR Best Practices and Innovation.

The application process for the Employer of Distinction Awards is extensive. Organizations are evaluated by an independent panel of judges on Human Resources Best Practices, Health & Safety Practices and Disability Management, Employee Presence in the Community, Stakeholder Awareness, Compensation and Advancement and other relevant information. This year's judging panel is comprised of Dr. Gary Gorman, Former Dean of the Memorial University Faculty of Business Administration; Cathy Bennett, CEO and Owner of Bennett Restaurants, last year's Employer of Distinction winner in the large employer category; and Vince Withers, retired businessman and founding chairperson of the NL Employers' Council.

Nearly 200 attendees attended the awards luncheon today at the Sheraton Hotel in St. John's, which also featured a keynote address by Siobhan Coady, MP of St. John's South Mount Pearl and Former President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

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