

NL Employers' Council announces short listed organizations for seventh annual "Employer of Distinction" Awards

Winners to be announced at Employer of Distinction Awards Luncheon,
Sponsored by McInnes Cooper
February 25th at the Delta St. John's

February 8, 2009, St. John's, NL – Eight short listed organizations will vie for the title of **Employer of Distinction** this year at the NL Employers' Council's (NLEC's) Employer of Distinction Awards Luncheon on **Thursday, February 25th**, from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M. at the **Delta Hotel & Conference Centre, St. John's**.

The award recognizes employers in this province that excel at leadership, innovation, creativity, and a fundamental belief in the value of a healthy, safe, and motivated workforce. Nominees for the 2009 awards, given in both large and small employer categories, include: Bennett Restaurants Ltd., D.F. Barnes Ltd., Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation, Noble Drilling (Canada) Ltd., Shepell fgi, St. Jude Hotel, Teck Duck Pond Operations, and Victorian Order of Nurses St. John's Branch (VON).

Last year's recipients of the award were C-Core and Browning Harvey, recognized as organizations that place value on their employees, give back to the community, and set new standards for excellence in the employment relationship. This year's awards luncheon will highlight how the winning employers have excelled in these areas in 2009, offering other employers the opportunity to learn from their successes. The luncheon will also include a keynote address by Tanny Collins, President of PF Collins, a past Employer of Distinction winner. Collins will speak on what it means to be an Employer of Distinction and how his organization has maintained a focus on their workforce through recent expansion.

The application process for the Employer of Distinction Awards is extensive. Organizations are evaluated 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. Wilfred Zerbe, Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration (Memorial University of Newfoundland), Heather Modlin, Director of Key Assets Newfoundland & Labrador, and Vince Withers, retired businessman and founding chairperson of the NL Employers' Council.

Anyone interested in attending the luncheon can register online at www.nlec.nf.ca.

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