

**Canadian Construction
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Canadian Construction Association Honours National Awards Recipients

OTTAWA, ONTARIO--(Marketwire - March 23, 2010) - The Canadian Construction Association presented its National Awards to honour excellence and outstanding contributions of the people and companies who make up the non-residential construction industry in Canada. The award ceremony took place during the CCA's 92nd Annual Conference.

The following awards and recipients were announced:

CCA General Contractor Award of Recognition: Serge Massicotte of Massicotte Construction Ltd. (Ottawa, ON). Serge served as the Chair of the General Contractors Association of Ottawa, the Ottawa Construction Association and the Ontario General Contractors Association. He has served the CCA in various capacities including Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Chair of the Standard Practices Committee. Serge has always demonstrated his commitment to the integrity and ethics of the construction contracting industry and has been a major contributor to the development and promotion of standard industry practices.

CCA Trade Contractor Award of Recognition: Adrian Morrison of Black & McDonald. Adrian is currently the Atlantic Regional Vice President of Black & McDonald Ltd. He has a tremendous dedication to promoting the interests of trade contractors as proven through his work as Chair of the Construction Association of Nova Scotia, and Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada. He currently serves as chair of the CCA Human Resources Committee. Adrian is also strong supporter of *Techsporation*, a program which provides women with opportunities in the trades, and also works closely with the Nova Scotia Community College.

CCA Manufacturers, Suppliers and Services Award of Recognition: Ian Steer of Aluma Systems Inc. Ian is a board member of the Toronto Construction Association where he also serves as Vice-Chairman of Finance. Ian has contributed to the CCA through his involvement on the Board of Directors, the International Business Committee, and most recently on the Manufacturers, Suppliers and Services Council. As a result of his hard work and solid commitment to this sector of the construction industry, he has helped provide a forum for suppliers to offer their opinions and ideas to the CCA and the industry.

CCA Roadbuilder Award of Recognition, sponsored by On-Site Magazine: John Flemming President of Ocean Contractors Limited (Dartmouth, NS). John's leadership and impact within the roadbuilding community is evidenced by his previous contributions to the Roadbuilding community including serving as President of the Nova Scotia Road Builders Association. He has also been on the Board of Directors for the CCA and is the current Chair of the Finance Committee. He is also the past Director of the Urban Design Institute of Nova Scotia.

CCA Member Association Award of Excellence: Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Association (NLCA). The NLCA is a strong influence in the areas of government relations, education and member recruitment. Their relationships with their provincial government has resulted in the implementation of a number of exceptional programs such as a Provincial Conference Program which focuses on the challenges faced by the industry in retaining a skilled labour force and the designation of June as Construction Education Month in the province.

CCA International Business Award, sponsored by Export Development Canada: Aluma Systems International (Concord, ON) is receiving this award for its innovative approach to international market development. Aluma has a presence in over 50 countries worldwide including Central America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Easter Europe and South East Asia. In the past year they focused their efforts to the South American markets as they developed new markets and exported their Canadian brand to the international community.

CCA National Safety Award, sponsored by Vipond Inc.: Aluma Systems Inc. (Concord, ON). Through their commitment to safety, reaching an historic 10 million hours without a "lost time accident" Aluma has exemplified safety. Their initiatives in the past year include an advanced Environment, Health and Safety manual, Emergency Response training for all employees, and Fall Prevention Training for employees. They demonstrated their commitment to increasing safety through the design and implementation of safety enhancements to product lines, leadership in safety groups and industry initiatives, employee participation in industry safety committees across the country and the Fall Protection testing of products.

CCA Environmental Achievement Award: Morsky HySpeed Soil Nailing Limited for their role in fixing the Theodore Dam site (SK). The erosion of the area could have resulted in danger to the dam's integrity causing flooding, increasing river sediment and turbidity, reducing water levels and impacting aquatic life. The location has an extensive reservoir that supports an active sport fishery and is a local source of water for domestic and industrial uses. Morsky HySpeed Soil Nailing was able to stabilize the soil around the spillway making the area stable and able to protect against future river contamination, proving once again the quality of their work and their high environmental standards.

CCA Gold Seal Association Award: Grand Valley Construction Association (Ontario) has kept the Gold Seal Certification Program at the core of their educational offerings. They believe that through the Gold Seal Certification Program members of the construction industry will succeed and thrive in the competitive landscape. By championing the Gold Seal Certification, the GVCA is helping guide the construction industry to sustainable success.

CCA Excellence in Innovation Award: Ledcor Construction Limited (Vancouver, BC) for *Safe Neighbours – A Ledcor Guide to Protecting the Public. Safe Neighbours* is unique in providing a humanistic approach to understanding how construction practices and human behavior relate. The document was prepared with input from the Vancouver Community Colleges' Hard of Hearing and Visually Impaired Departments, studying all aspects of public life and various accessibility needs. These all-encompassing, innovative and cooperative approaches made this unique project an innovative addition to public safety near construction sites.

CCA Person of the Year Award, sponsored by the PCL Family of Companies: Paul Charette of Bird Construction Company Limited. Paul has been a tremendous contributor to construction associations at the local, provincial and national levels as Chairman of the Toronto Construction Association Advisory Committee, and the Ontario General Contractors' Association. Paul's CCA involvement includes Chairman of the General Contractors Council and the CCA Board of Directors in 2008. He currently chairs the Coalition of Advanced Skills, a national coalition aimed at seeking continued and expanded federal support for the expansion of Canadian college training infrastructure. Through his career, Paul has maintained high ethical standards, is well respected by his peers, and is an industry innovator, making him a recognized leader in the construction industry.

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