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## Alberta's premier business awards are back with style



**Edmonton** – Large and small businesses throughout the province are encouraged to highlight their accomplishments for this year's Alberta Business Awards of Distinction.

Alberta's premier business awards program recognizes excellence in business with a comprehensive list of categories tailored for companies of every sort.

Applying or nominating another business or organization is easy through the awards Web site at [www.abbusinessawards.ab.ca](http://www.abbusinessawards.ab.ca). The deadline for entries is Nov. 14.

Every finalist becomes eligible for the Premier's Award of Distinction, which is presented, along with the rest of the awards, at a gala evening in February.

All finalists will receive complimentary tickets to the gala, which also features a briefing by Allan Wachowich, Chief Justice of the Alberta Court of Queen Bench, who will speak on *Business Ethics: The Buck Stops Somewhere*.

The 2007 Alberta Business Awards of Distinction recognizes excellence in the following categories: Aboriginal Relations, Diversity in the Workplace, Employer of Persons with Disabilities, Ethics in Business, Export, First Nation's-owned Business, Learning in the Workplace, Safety Leader, Agriculture, Safety Turnaround, Export, Small Business, Marketing, Aboriginal Woman Entrepreneur, Youth Employment, and Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneur. Businesses can be nominated in all the categories for which they're eligible.

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