

80 nominees, 23 finalists for board of trade's 2010 awards

Markham's entrepreneurial talents will be recognized next week at the Markham Board of Trade's 20th annual Business Excellence Awards.

The awards are presented to businesses in Markham that have demonstrated superior achievement in specific categories.

Judges selected 23 finalists out of more than 80 nominees.

The finalists in each category are:

- Accessibility: Markham Stouffville Hospital; Participation House, Markham
- Business Employer of Excellence: Cole Engineering, Giesecke & Devrient Systems Canada Inc., Scholastic

Canada Ltd.

- Community Relations and Cultural Enrichment: Running Free, The School Fine Dining, Unionville Appliance Ltd.

- Donald Cousens Conservation & Environmental Leadership: Canada Menenergy Corporation, Novo Plastics Inc., The Miller Group

- Entrepreneurship: JOY-RIDE150, Mi5 Print & Digital Communications Inc., The Interface Group Ltd.

- Global Business Excellence: AMD, Nobis Inc., Lea Group of Companies

- High Quality & Service Award: Bluestone Bistro, Markham Auto Repair, Michael - Angelo's

- Innovation: Capital Networks, Fresco Microchip, GE Digital Energy

Award winners will be announced at the ceremony, as well as an individual who will receive the Anthony Roman Award for displaying a strong sense of commitment to the community.

The Nov. 18 celebration will be a black-tie, Vegas style event with cocktails at 6 p.m. and a dinner gala at 7 p.m. at the Hilton Suites Markham, 8500 Warden Ave. at Hwy. 7.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 905-474-0730, ext. 28.

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