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NOTICE TO EDITORS

NL Employers' Council Set to Award Local Organizations at Forth Annual "Employer of Distinction"

The Newfoundland & Labrador Employers' Council will present the **Employer of Distinction Award** in both the large and small employer category, at its annual gala on **Wednesday, January 31st, starting at 7:00 p.m. at The Delta, St. John's.**

Eight organizations have been short-listed for the award that 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. The gala will highlight what local employers are doing, in light of the "Move West" phenomenon and the current competition by employers in this province to attract and retain key employees right here at home.

Nominated organizations include: CareGivers, Colemans, Dominion, Futures in NL Youth (FINALLY!), Fugro Jacques GeoSurveys, Husky Energy, Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Community Business Development Corporations (CBDC's), and Serenity Nursing and Home Support Services. The judging panel is comprised of Brenda Gaulton, Human Resources Manager of Newfoundland Power, Dr. Gary Gorman, Dean of the Faculty of Business (Memorial University of Newfoundland), Heather Modlin of St. Francis Foundation, and Vince Withers, retired businessman and founding member of the NL Employers' Council.

Last year's recipients included Exploits Valley Dental Office, Memorial University of Newfoundland, and North Atlantic Refining.

A **Best Practices/Sharing Session**, in which short-listed organizations will highlight their progressive human resource practices to the public, will start at **1:00 p.m. at The Delta, St. John's.**

Keynote speaker for the evening is Dr. Axel Meisen, President and Vice-Chancellor of Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Media wishing to attend the formal dinner are invited to do so.

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