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Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce Honours Local Businesses at Awards Gala

(Greater Sudbury, May 14, 2013) Ten of Sudbury's outstanding entrepreneurs and businesses were recognized this evening at the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce Bell Business Excellence Awards gala held at the Caruso Club.

A crowd of over 400 colleagues and friends attended the ceremony to recognize and celebrate these award recipients.

"This year's award recipients are an exceptional group of local businesses," said Mark Weiman, Chair of the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce. "Their hard-work and commitment to economic development in this community has not gone unnoticed," added Weiman.

The 2013 BEA award recipients:

- Chair's Award - B&D Manufacturing (sponsored by Greater Sudbury Development Corporation)
- Company of the Year - Legend Boats (sponsored by Northern Ontario Business/Northern Life)
- Service Excellence - Baxter Animal Hospital (sponsored by Scotiabank)
- New Venture - Tony V's Pizza/Nesci's Catering Ltd (sponsored by TD Canada Trust)
- Business Start Up - Northern Ontario Film Studios (sponsored by Laurentian University)
- Entrepreneur of the Year - DiBrina Sure Group/Investment Planning Counsel (sponsored by Royal Bank of Canada)
- Small Enterprise - Sweet Yarns Inc. (sponsored by Regional Business Centre)
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year - Talevi Welding (sponsored by BMO Bank of Montreal)
- Innovation - Rail-Veyor Technologies Global Inc. (sponsored by Cambrian College/NORCAT)
- Hospitality - Idylwyld Golf & Country Club (sponsored by Northern Credit Union)

The awards are sponsored by Bell and pay tribute to those hard working entrepreneurs and businesses whose achievements and contributions to the community distinguish them from their peers. They are positive role models who have shown the desire to improve the community. This year, the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce received over 45 nominations for local businesses around Greater Sudbury.

This year's independent panel of judges consisted of Kathryn Baker, La Renaissance European Day Spa, Nancy Griffin, Cambrian College, and Marc Boudreau, BESTECH.

Event sponsors of the gala included; Business Development Bank of Canada, Desjardins Business Centre, CIBC, Vale, Sudbury Credit Union, Bearskin Airlines, OLG Slots, Urban Floral Designs, Porter Airlines, Garth Wunsch Photography, Big & Rich DJ Service, and Sudbury Symphony Orchestra

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The Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce represents over 1,000 businesses and through the participation of its member volunteers on committees and task forces, works as the 'Voice of Business' to influence federal, provincial and local legislation affecting business.