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Accolades to Business Community at Annual MBOT Awards of Excellence

Mississauga, Ontario (November 22, 2013) - Winners of Mississauga Board of Trade's 2013 Business Awards of Excellence were recognized at a lavish event on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at Mississauga Convention Centre, where MBOT welcomed hundreds of members and honoured guests.

The evening began with a cocktail reception and photo opportunity for winners with media, family and friends. MBOT 2013 Chair Karen Ras formally welcomed guests and award winners to the event.

"My sincere congratulations to our truly deserving award recipients," said Ras. "The accomplishments of this year's winners are impressive and inspirational. These outstanding organizations, entrepreneurs and their employees are to be commended for their hard work, innovative spirit and commitment to business excellence."

"As Mississauga's leading business association, representing, serving and supporting the interests of business in our community, Mississauga Board of Trade is once again pleased to recognize, celebrate and honour the exemplary accomplishments of organizations and individuals here in Canada's sixth largest city, all of whom have demonstrated outstanding leadership and business excellence."

City of Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion was also in attendance during the event and she began her address by enthusiastically congratulating the winners.

There were 10 awards presented during the evening and each winner was allocated a few minutes to make their acceptance speech. The award presentations also included short video profiles of each winner.

2013 Award Winners:

Business Person of the Year: *Deborah A. Campbell, Quality & Compliance*

Corporate Social Responsibility: *Fielding Chemical Technologies*

Sam McCallion Small Business Community Involvement: *Ladner's Clothiers*

New Business of the Year: *Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park*

Employer of the Year: *ARI*

Technology & Innovation: *MyndTec Inc.*

Not for Profit: *Living Arts Centre*

Large Business of the Year: *Belvedere International*

Small Business of the Year: *Contingent Workforce Solutions Inc.*

Clean & Green: *Bradley Mechanical Services/Pipe Shields*

The prestigious Business Person of the Year award was presented to Deborah A. Campbell, Quality & Compliance.

"I am known for my determination and my focus, and I'm absolutely not afraid of hard work," Campbell said in her acceptance speech.

Campbell said in her years as a businesswoman, she, like many, struggled with finding the balance between her work life and her home life.

She said her company and its staff have survived many hardships including struggling with health and business, adding it was a lesson to learn and she didn't make the same mistakes twice.

Campbell ended her address thanking those who have influenced her.

"I am so privileged that I am able to make a difference," she said. "And I am touched by the recognition I've received from winning this award."

The evening's closing remarks were provided by MBOT President & CEO, Sheldon Leiba.

"As the leading business association in Mississauga, promoting and celebrating the success of business is an important part of what we do," said Leiba.

"This event reminds us that business in Mississauga is vibrant, and tonight's awards recipients are a great example of success stories that are abundant in our community."

Additional event coverage on the awards will be in MBOT's December magazine, distributed to its membership and made available at the MBOT office.

MBOT sincerely thanks all the event sponsors who helped make this evening an overwhelming success. In particular, special thanks to the evening's emcee, David Wojcik, BizTV Canada, as well as the event sponsors.

As the voice of business since 1976, Mississauga Board of Trade is a private-sector, not-for-profit business organization representing approximately 1,500 businesses, employing 65,000 people in Mississauga. MBOT is well positioned to meet the needs of business by using its considerable influence at all levels of government. As the forum for business, MBOT works together to influence public policy and promote a better understanding of the marketplace among policy makers, media and the general public.

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