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B.C.'S HUMAN RESOURCES ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR INDUSTRY AWARDS

Vancouver, B.C. – The BC Human Resources Management Association (BC HRMA) is proud to announce the finalists for the provincial HR industry awards.

Award of Excellence – HR Professional of the Year

Josh Blair, Executive Vice President, Human Resources, Telus
John Evans, Vice President Human Resources & Corporate Communications, BCAA
Catherine Fitzgerald, Professor, Faculty of Business, Okanagan School of Business
Joanna Whalley, Manager, People Engagement, Westminster Savings Credit Union

The Award of Excellence – HR Professional of the Year recognizes the HR leaders of today. This award is BC HRMA's highest honour for established HR practitioners. Sponsored by MICA Consulting Partners, *The Globe and Mail*, and Berlitz Canada, the award recognizes exemplary HR individuals who have contributed by improving their organizations bottom-line, achieved business results and demonstrated leadership. This year's nominees have all proven their dedication to advancing professional people practices and enhancing organizational performance.

Award of Excellence – Innovation

Certified General Accountants Association of Canada Team - Anthony Ariganello, Baldev Gill, Katrina Chartier and Dee Sharma
Ledcor Group of Companies Team - Michael Dunne, Lisa Dudley, Sue Melik, Jeannette McAffer and Vincent Chow
Living & Working in Prince George Committee - Committee Representatives: Jacquie Scobie, Cindy Kroeger, Keith Dennison and Christie Ray. The full committee also consists of Sherry Sethen, Laura Honeyman, Jeff Russ, Garth Frizzell, Leslie Hemsall, Diane Flannagan, Cathy Phillips, Therese Roy, Bev Boyd, Carolyn Rowland and Donna McLaughlin.

The Award of Excellence – Innovation recognizes the HR leaders of today. This award, introduced this year and sponsored by MICA Consulting Partners, *The Globe and Mail* and Berlitz Canada, recognizes an individual or team that has successfully implemented an innovative and progressive program and/or project to a new or ongoing HR challenge within their organization. This year's nominees have all proven their dedication to advancing professional people practices and enhancing organizational performance by thinking outside of the box.

Rising Star Award

Meg Burrows, Hiring Consultant, BC Public Service Agency
Galadriel Jolly, Human Resources Consultant, Interior Health Authority
Ruth Mitchell, Recruiter, Red Seal Recruiting Solutions Ltd.
Anjana Moitra, Supervisory Consultant, Human Resources, The Fifth Option Consulting Inc.

The Rising Star Award, sponsored by Toombs Inc, *The Province* and *The Vancouver Sun*, recognizes the HR leaders of tomorrow. These up-and-comers, within the first five years of their career, are considered to be lighting the HR community on fire and hold the future of the profession in their hands. Each of the nominees has made great contributions to their past and present workplaces at a very early stage in their career.

The recipients of the three awards will be announced at the Awards & CHRP Recognition Gala –held in conjunction with BC HRMA’s 47th Annual Conference & Showcase—in Victoria on May 7, 2009.

BC HRMA is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing professional people practices through professional development opportunities such as conference, workshops, symposiums, and mentorship and volunteer programs. The association provides leadership to more than 4,700 members and 3,000 affiliates that collectively represent CEOs, directors of HR, consultants, educators, students, HR generalists, and small-business owners. Established in 1942, BC HRMA is a founding member of the Canadian Council of Human Resources Associations (CCHRA) and the exclusive grantor of the Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP) designation in British Columbia.

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Interview opportunities, and photos, are available upon request.

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