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ANNOUNCEMENT: FIRST INDIGENOUS WORKPLACE INCLUSION LEADERSHIP AWARDS: HONOURING PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE

Toronto -- Today, for the first time in Canada, companies and individuals that are advancing engagements, relationships and partnerships with Indigenous people, businesses, and communities will be honoured for Indigenous workplace inclusion performance excellence.

“We are recognizing hard work, innovative brilliance, and strategic business approaches that are building social and economic inclusion that is resulting in prosperity for Indigenous communities, companies, and a stronger Canada”, said Kelly J. Lendsay, President and CEO, of the Aboriginal Human Resource Council (AHRC) - the nation’s leading experts in Indigenous workplace inclusion.

Nominations were reviewed by a non-partisan group of experts actively working in the field of workplace inclusion and diversity. Award nominations were evaluated against AHRC’s workplace inclusion system and methodology, which involves a nine-point evaluation framework used to benchmark workplace systems, practices and behaviours to determine the state of Indigenous inclusion within a company, and where it is positioned on the council’s seven-stage Inclusion Continuum.

Winners: Workplace Inclusion Leadership Awards 2015

Change Maker Category

Scotiabank: Lee Walker - Initiator (Individual)

GardaWorld: Initiator (Team)

Correctional Service Canada: Don Head - CEO Leadership

Performance Excellence Category

Hatch: Workplace System Leadership (Communications)

Shell Canada: Workplace System Leadership (Corporate Social Responsibility)

Cameco Corporation: Enterprise-Wide Leadership

The program and profile of each winner is available @ aboriginalhr.ca/awards.

Media are invited to attend the *Workplace Inclusion Leadership Awards Luncheon*, which kicks off at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel at 12:15 pm with a performance by Crystal Shawanda.

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