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Real Estate Institute of Canada announces winners of 2009 Pursuit of Excellence Awards during Annual Conference in Halifax

(Toronto ON) This past Saturday night the Real Estate Institute of Canada handed out its 2009 REIC Pursuit of Excellence Awards at the annual REIC Awards Gala. The gala, which was part of the festivities at the 2009 REIC Annual Conference, took place in the Halifax Ballroom of the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel in downtown Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The REIC Pursuit of Excellence Awards Program recognizes REIC members, chapters, associations, and corporations who contribute to the advancement of REIC and the Real Estate Industry within the past year.

This year, REIC received the highest number of nominations in the history of the awards program. The Institute wishes to thank its members for their ongoing and increasing support of the program.

The winners of the 2009 REIC Pursuit of Excellence Awards are:

Individual Awards

Bentall Excellence Award

Bentall generously provides a \$1,500 cash award, annually, to the Canadian candidate who attains the highest mark on the first submission of their Management Plan or first writing of the MPSA. All candidates in good standing are automatically entered by submitting their Management Plan or by completing the MPSA.

2009 Winner: Bruce Gaudreau

Bentall Literary Award

Bentall generously contributes a \$1,000 cash award annually to the winning author. The Bentall Literary Award (first presented in 1968 as the Claude Leigh Award) recognizes the best in real estate journalism and research as it pertains to Canada's Real Estate Industry.

2009 Winner: John Molnar, FRI CPM® CRP

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The Patrick J. Harvey Award

The Patrick J. Harvey Memorial Award is bestowed upon the REIC member, who through personal sacrifice and initiative, has contributed to the professional advancement of the Institute through the development of an educational program.

2009 Winner: Leslie Bessey, FRI CPM®

Honourable Mention: Pierre Moffat, FRI (E) CRF

The J.A. Weber Award

This award pays tribute to the REIC member who, at the chapter level, has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the Institute. The nominee's efforts should have directly influenced the growth and recognition of an REIC chapter.

2009 Winner: Scott Ullrich, FRI CPM®

REIC Council Awards

The REIC Murray Bosley Sales & Leasing Council Member of the Year Award

This award (formerly the Murray Bosley FRI of the Year Award) is presented to an REIC member in good standing who holds a sales & leasing designation. This member is considered to be one of the foremost supporters of the council and their respective designation over the past year.

2009 Winner: Claude Charron, FRI

Honourable Mention: Diana Crossin, FRI

REIC REPAM Council Member of the Year Award

This award (formerly the REIC CPM® of the Year Award) is presented to an REIC member in good standing who holds a property management designation. This member is considered to be one of the foremost supporters of the council and their respective designation over the past year.

2009 Winner: Chrystal Skead CPM® ARM®

REIC Finance Council Member of the Year Award

This new award for 2009 is presented to an REIC member in good standing who holds a finance designation. This member is considered to be one of the foremost supporters of the council and their respective designation over the past year.

2009 Winner: Bruce Simpson, CRF

Community & Industry Awards

REIC Community Services Award

This award honours the chapter and/or member that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the local community, through volunteer services and charitable work, within the chapter's jurisdictional boundaries.

2009 Chapter Winner: REIC Edmonton Chapter

REIC Corporate Citizen of the Year Award

This prestigious award is presented to the company that has demonstrated its recognition and support of the Institute's goals and objectives through their support of the continued growth and awareness of the Institute.

2009 Winner: Boardwalk Rental Communities

Honourable Mention: Sakto Corporation and Gateway Property Management

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REIC Real Estate Association of the Year Award

This prestigious award is presented to the not-for-profit association (including real estate boards) that has demonstrated its recognition and support of the Institute's goals and objectives by continually supporting growth and awareness of the Institute.

2009 Winner: Calgary Real Estate Board

Chapter Awards

Chapter Initiative of the Year Award

This award recognizes the Chapter which has created an innovative educational program, event or marketing campaign that resulted in an increased awareness of the Institute as well as one or more sectors of the Real Estate profession.

2009 Winner: REIC Ottawa Chapter for the "NO FLY ZONE" Program

The Donald V. Hill Award

Initiated by Donald V. Hill, FRI CPM in 1973, the Don Hill Award is presented to the chapter attaining the greatest net growth during one fiscal year. Every chapter is automatically eligible for this award in one of two (2) categories: Small and Large Chapter.

2009 Small Chapter Winner: REIC Edmonton Chapter

2009 Large Chapter Winner: IREM Edmonton Chapter

Chapter of the Year Award

The Chapter of the Year Award is designed to honour the Small and Large Chapter that has through an outstanding job in local activities, advanced goals and objectives of the Institute. Such activities include chapter events, professional development seminars, community service, marketing and membership retention programs. Chapters are judged by yearbook submissions.

2009 Small Chapter Winner: Real Estate Institute of Manitoba

2009 Large Chapter Winner: REIC Toronto Chapter

Please Note: Small Chapters are classed as those with 90 or fewer members, Large Chapters are classed as those with 91 or more members.

REIC congratulates all of the 2009 Pursuit of Excellence Award Winners, as well as all nominees for making this year the strongest field of contenders in the Institute's history.

The award winners were selected through a panel of their peers who made up the 2009 REIC Awards Task Force. The Task Force members were:

2009 Awards Task Force

Sandi Caputo, CPM® CLO -Chair

Denis Archambault, FRI CRF

Sherril Carlson, CPM® ARM®

Raymonde Geneau, CRF

Jean Lekopoy, CPM®

Johnmark Roberts, FRI

Lani-Jo Weaver, FRI

Anyone wishing additional details on this year's award program is asked to contact REIC Executive Administrator Ted Kellow, at 1-800-542-7342 x27 or ted.kellow@reic.com

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About the Real Estate Institute of Canada

A leader in advanced real estate education, the Real Estate Institute of Canada (REIC) is an association of professionals that has been educating and certifying specialists in real estate since 1955. The internationally recognized designations offered by REIC are an excellent way for consumers, investors and portfolio managers to identify committed and experienced real estate professionals.

REIC courses are the most highly-respected and comprehensive courses offered for real estate professionals in Canada.

All of REIC's programs are built upon the "Four Cornerstones of Professionalism": Education, Experience, Ethics and Lifelong Learning, the foundation for true professionalism in any field. REIC designations offer increased exposure through networking events, plus added credibility and boosted confidence that stem from professional education and increased knowledge.

The Real Estate Institute of Canada's objective is to advance opportunities for people in real estate.

At REIC we believe:

- ▲ that good management translates into value and that well-managed properties improve the quality of life for people who live, work and in them;*
- ▲ in professional ethics;*
- ▲ in the power of knowledge..... and the importance of sharing it.*

REIC is the Pre-Eminent National Association for Real Estate Professionals!

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