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Real Estate Institute of Canada announces winners of 2010 Pursuit of Excellence Awards during Annual Conference in Niagara Falls

(Toronto ON) This past Saturday night the Real Estate Institute of Canada handed out its 2010 REIC Pursuit of Excellence Awards at the Annual REIC Awards Dinner and Dance. The event, which was part of the festivities at the 2010 REIC Annual Conference, took place in the Salon Ballrooms of the Marriott Fallsview Hotel & Spa in downtown Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The REIC Pursuit of Excellence Awards Program recognizes REIC Members, Chapters, Associations, and Corporations who have contributed to the advancement of REIC and the Real Estate Industry over the past year.

In addition to the Pursuit of Excellence Awards, REIC presented its highest accolade it can bestow upon a member Saturday night when it presented REIC Emeritus to Mr. Douglas Watkins, FRI CMR CPM® of IREM BC Chapter 50. Watkins was unable to accept his honour in person, so fellow REIC Past-President and IREM BC Chapter 50 member Mr. William McCarthy, FRI CPM CLO accepted the honour on his behalf.

The Institute wishes to thank its members for their ongoing and increasing support of the program.

The winners of the 2010 REIC Pursuit of Excellence Awards are:

Individual Awards

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.

2010 Winner: Christine Stanley, CPM CMOC - Delta, BC

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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.

2010 Winner: Dean Lapointe, FRI - North Vancouver, BC

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 their MPSA. All candidates in good standing are automatically eligible by submitting their Management Plan or by completing the MPSA.

2010 Winner: James A. Rose, CPM - Winnipeg, MB

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 REIC and Canada's Real Estate Industry.

2010 Winner: Andrew Gordon, FRI CPM – Toronto ON

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 course of the year.

2010 Winner: Lindsay Carlson, FRI CRES - Sherwood Park, AB

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 course of the year.

2010 Winner: Mark Bell, CPM ARM® - Yorkton, SK

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.

2010 Winner: Matthew J. Pendlebury, CRF - Halifax, NS

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.

2010 Chapter Winner: IREM BC Chapter 50

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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.

2010 Winner: Gateway Property Management Corporation

REIC 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.

2010 Winner: REALTORS® Association of Edmonton

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.

2010 Winner: Real Estate Institute of Manitoba

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.

2010 Winner: Real Estate Institute of Manitoba

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.

2010 Small Chapter Winner: REIC Edmonton Chapter

2010 Large Chapter Winner: IREM Edmonton Chapter

Special Presentation

REIC Emeritus

REIC Emeritus is the highest honour that a member of REIC can receive. This award of excellence recognizes a member's sustained commitment and outstanding contribution to REIC at both the national and chapter levels.

The Awards Task Force will select no more than one application from each council to submit to the REIC Board of Directors for Emeritus consideration. The application must be approved by a majority affirmative vote of the Board of Directors to bestow Emeritus upon a member.

2010 Recipient: Douglas Watkins, FRI CMR CPM - Surrey, BC

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 2010 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 from across Canada who made up the 2010 REIC Awards Task Force. The Awards Task Force members were:

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Renaud Campbell, FRI(E) CLO – Toronto ON – Task Force Chair
Ruth Harding Bohan, FRI – Halifax NS
Candace Le Roux, ARM - Coquitlam, BC
Don Myhre, CRP – Edmonton AB
John Zabudney, FRI(E), CLO – Winnipeg MB

Anyone wishing additional details on this year's award program is asked to contact REIC Executive Assistant Lisa Blain, at 1-800-542-7342 x27 or lisa.blain@reic.com.

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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