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Atlantic Business Magazine's 2006 Top 50 CEOs

(Halifax, NS) Atlantic Business Magazine's 8th annual Top 50 CEO award winners were announced last night at an Academy Awards-style red-carpet gala. More than 540 people gathered under the bright lights of The Westin Nova Scotian's Grand Ballroom to celebrate leadership excellence.

"This was our second annual Top 50 CEO gala event," said Atlantic Business Magazine publisher Hubert Hutton, "and we were very pleased with the results. Attendance was higher than anticipated and the event itself was superbly executed. More importantly, we were able to give the award winners the profile and recognition they deserve."

Following a VIP reception, three-course meal and entertaining address from Amanda Lang, host of ROB-tv's SqueezePlay, awards were presented to 50 of the region's most accomplished business executives. Winners were selected by an elite panel of judges from more than 600 nominations for 113 individual nominees. Collectively, Atlantic Business Magazine's Top 50 CEOs for 2006 represent \$19.3 billion in annual revenue and provide employment for more than 70,000 people.

In addition to announcing its Top 50 CEO award winners for 2006, Atlantic Business Magazine also inducted the following into the Top 50 CEO Hall of Fame: **Mickey MacDonald**, CEO, Atlantic Mobility Products and President & CEO, MICCO Companies; **Jim Mills**, President & CEO, Office Interiors; and, **Steve Parker**, Chief Executive Officer, CCL Group. Induction to the Hall of Fame is granted to five-time winners of Top 50 CEO awards. Once a CEO has been inducted to the Hall of Fame, they are lifetime members and will be called on to assist in judging future Top 50 CEO award winners.

Atlantic Business Magazine's CEO of the Year award was presented to **Bernard Imbeault** of Pizza Delight Corporation. The CEO of the Year is selected from the ranks of the Top 50 CEO award winners.

New to the ceremony this year was the presentation of Atlantic Business Magazine's Top 50 CEO Scholarship. Atlantic Business Magazine is pleased to offer graduate-level Business or Management Studies students throughout Atlantic Canada an opportunity to win \$5,000 plus a year-long mentorship with one or more Top 50 award winners. The first-ever winner of the Top 50 CEO Scholarship Award is **Kara Hachey**, an honours MBA student at the University of New

Brunswick. Kara's Top 50 CEO mentors are Steven Burns of Bulletproof Solutions, Eleanor Humphries of Halifax International Airport Authority, Ken LeBlanc of PropertyGuys.com and Colin MacDonald of Clearwater Seafood Limited Partnership.

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Atlantic Business Magazine's Top 50 CEOs for 2006

(presented in alphabetical order, by province)

Nova Scotia (30)

George Armoyan, CEO, Clarke Inc.

Jamie Baillie, President & CEO, Credit Union Atlantic Ltd.

Dennis Campbell, President, Ambassadors Gray Line

Charles A. Cartmill, President, C-Vision Ltd.

Rob Dexter, Chairman & CEO, Maritime Travel Inc.

Dr. Gail Dinter-Gottlieb, President & Vice-Chancellor, Acadia University

J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's University

Michael R. Duck, President & CEO, A.C. Dispensing Equipment Ltd.

Richard Homburg, Chair & CEO, Homburg Invest Inc.

Eleanor D. Humphries, President & CEO, Halifax International Airport Authority

Paul Kent, COO, xwave / Senior VP Enterprise & Business Solutions, Aliant

Paul LeBlanc, CEO, Extreme Group

Nancy MacCready-Williams, CEO, Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia

Colin MacDonald, President & CEO, Clearwater Seafood Limited Partnership

Mickey MacDonald, CEO, Atlantic Mobility Products / President & CEO, MICCO Companies

Fred MacBillivray, President & CEO, Trade Centre Ltd.

Scott Armour McCrea, President & CEO, Armour Developments Ltd. / Overland Realty Ltd.

Bill McEwan, President & CEO, Sobeys Inc.

Jim Mills, President & CEO, Office Interiors

Karen Oldfield, President & CEO, Halifax Port Authority

Phil Otto, President & CEO, Image Design

Steve Parker, CEO, CCL Group

Dr. Sean Riley, President, St. Francis Xavier University

Paul Sobey, President & CEO, Empire Company Ltd.

Jim M. Spatz, Chair & CEO, Southwest Properties Ltd.

Wylie Spicer, Managing Partner, McInnes Cooper

Rob Steele, President & CEO, Newfoundland Capital Corporation / The Steele Auto Group

Tom Traves, President & Vice-Chancellor, Dalhousie University

Ian Wilson, President, Wilson Fuel Company Ltd.

Pat Wilson, President & CEO, Blue Water Agencies Ltd.

New Brunswick (11)

Steven Burns, CEO, Bulletproof Solutions Inc.

Glenn Cooke, CEO, Cooke Aquaculture Inc.

Lily Durepos, Co-owner, Alliance Assurance Inc. / Keal Technology / Broadway Place Ltd.
Andrea Feunekes, President, Remsoft Inc.
Jay A. Forbes, FCA, President & CEO, Aliant Inc.
Trudy Gallagher, President & CEO, Bejewel by Trudy Gallagher Ltd.
John S. Harvie, CEO, Co-op Atlantic
Bernard Imbeault, President & CEO, Pizza Delight Corporation
Ken LeBlanc, President & CEO, PropertyGuys.com Inc.
Francis McGuire, President & CEO, Major Drilling Group International Inc.
Paul McSpurren, President & CEO, Whitehill Technologies Inc.

Newfoundland & Labrador (8)

Jerry Byrne, President, D.F. Barnes Group
Allison R. Chaytor-Loveys, CEO, Newfoundland & Labrador Credit Union
Debbie Hanlon, Owner, Coldwell Banker Hanlon
Christopher Hickman, Chair & CEO, Marco Group of Companies
Axel Meisen, President & Vice-Chancellor, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Wayne Moore, President, Millennium Group
Stephen O'Reilly, CEO, Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information
Judy Sparkes-Giannou, President, Maxxim Vacations

Prince Edward Island (1)

Danny Murphy, President, D.P. Murphy Inc.