



Date: October 17, 2008  
Ref: NR081017LeadingEDGAwardWinners

## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Leading EDG Awards luncheon wraps on a high note**

The Economic Development Group (EDG) would like to congratulate the recipients of the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Leading EDG Awards, which were announced at the awards luncheon held on October 15 at the Coast Bastion Inn.

EDG is a coalition of organizations, institutions, and businesses working together to create a community of social and economic opportunity. EDG provides leadership and a collective voice for economic development issues impacting Nanaimo. Many businesses, organizations, and individuals follow Nanaimo's Economic Development Strategy and work together to build a community of social and economic opportunity, and on October 15, they were recognized with a Leading EDG Award. More than 140 attendees enjoyed the award presentation and celebrated Nanaimo's champions.

EDG would also like to thank this year's sponsor, the Nanaimo Airport Commission. Mike Hooper, President & CEO of the Commission was in attendance to offer his congratulatory remarks to all of the finalists.

Event emcee Ed Poli announced the finalists for this year's event. Recipients of the 2008 Leading EDG Awards were:

**Committed Leadership – Individual:** Bill McGuire

**Committed Leadership – Business or Organization:** Atlas Truss

**Excellent Foundation:** BOSA Properties

**Quality Infrastructure:** Kristo Zorkin

**Positive Image – Individual:** Bill Robinson

**Positive Image – Business or Organization:** Wild Play Element Parks

- 30 -

For further information on the finalists contact Katie Ferland at the Economic Development Office at 755-4465 or email [katie.ferland@nanaimo.ca](mailto:katie.ferland@nanaimo.ca).