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MANNING INNOVATION AWARDS AND SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD IN CALGARY OCTOBER 15 /16

RECOGNIZING CANADIAN INNOVATORS OF ALL AGES

Calgary – Thurs. March 21/13: The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation (www.manningawards.ca) announced today Canada's most prestigious awards for innovation will be presented in Calgary this October. The 32nd Annual Ernest C. Manning National Innovation Awards Gala will be held at the Telus Convention Centre on Wed. Oct. 16.

The Foundation, named after the former Alberta Premier and Senator, honours, supports and draws public attention to Canadians of all ages with the imagination to innovate and the stamina to succeed. The Foundation annually awards \$165,000 in prizes making it Canada's largest innovation awards.

"It is so important that we celebrate our home-grown innovators, and I'm very pleased to see the awards returning to Calgary this year," said Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi. "Innovation is part of our DNA in Calgary and a key factor in our global competitiveness and success."

The University of Calgary announced it is organizing *A Celebration of Innovation Symposium* the day before the gala, Tues. Oct. 15. "The University of Calgary's Eyes Highvision is to become one of Canada's top five research universities by our 50th anniversary in 2016," said Dr. Elizabeth Cannon, President. "Our new research plan inspires discovery, creativity and innovation across all disciplines. We are excited to host *A Celebration of Innovation Symposium* and highlight our ground-breaking research, innovative teaching and learning, and strong, meaningful connections with our communities in Calgary, across Canada and around the world," she said.

More than 700 leaders from across Canada in government, business, and academia including Manning Laureates and the 2013 winners are expected to be in Calgary for the awards gala. A dedicated group of volunteers will make up the Calgary steering committee chaired by Calgary business coach and TEC Chair Liam Christie.

Since the Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation was established in 1980, more than 300 Canadian innovators including recipients of the Foundation's Young Canadian program have shared \$4.5 million in Manning Awards. Winners of 2013 Manning Awards are announced in the fall. Young Canadian Winners are announced at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Lethbridge this May.

For more information about the 32nd Annual Ernest C. Manning National Innovation Awards Gala including tickets and table sponsorships visit www.manningawards.ca; follow Manning Awards on Twitter @ManningAwardsCA, like on Facebook.

The University of Calgary's *Celebration of Innovation Symposium* will be held at the University's award-winning Energy, Environmental, and Experiential Learning Building on Tues. Oct. 15.