



Three Saskatchewan innovators introduced to Saskatchewan Legislature

REGINA, May 7, 2013 – Saskatchewan nominees vying for Canada's most prestigious innovation awards, the 2013 Ernest C. Manning Awards, will be introduced to members of the Saskatchewan Legislature today at the start of Question Period by Hon. Bill Boyd. A networking reception will follow (5:00 pm Room 218, Legislative Building, Regina, SK)

The Saskatchewan innovators are among 45 nominees from across Canada being considered for three award categories: the \$100,000 Encana Principal Award, the \$25,000 David E. Mitchell Award of Distinction and two \$10,000 Innovation Awards.

From a roof bolting machine, to bovine dried colostrum powder, to a speech therapy application, these Saskatchewan entrepreneurs represent the vanguard of technological innovation in Saskatchewan today. The nominees are:

Darrin Craig, Regina, (www.dynaindustrial.com) for designing and developing a roof-bolting machine that has improved the overall safety and efficiency of the roof-bolting process. By allowing machine operators to fully control the bolt installation process from the safety of the DynaBolter cabin, the operator is secured and kept away from the unsafe mine roof.

Debbie Haines, Saskatoon, (www.saskatooncolostrum.com) for developing high-quality bovine dried colostrum powder for calves to ingest within the first hours of life that is free from disease-causing agents. The colostrum product is used to supplement or replace maternal colostrum.

Greg Sutton and **Marnee Brick**, Saskatoon, (www.tinyeye.com) for creating a world-class telehealth application that enables Speech-Language Pathologists to treat patients in rural and remote schools.

Wilf Keller, Saskatoon Chapter Chair of the Awards Foundation is thrilled that these 2013 Saskatchewan nominees will represent the province for this important award. "It's very exciting when great ideas grow into successful companies. These three nominees are examples of the Saskatchewan spirit of innovation. I wish each of them the best of luck in the national competition."

Winners of 2013 Manning Awards will be announced in the fall and honoured at the 2013 awards gala in Calgary, Wednesday, October 16, 2013.

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The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation, established in 1982, is named after the late Alberta Premier and Senator. Nearly 250 Canadians of all ages and regions of Canada have received awards and 2,500 Canadians have been recognized by being nominated. Manning Award winners are selected by a distinguished independent body drawn from academic and professional backgrounds from across Canada. Visit www.manningawards.ca Twitter @ManningAwardsCA Facebook/ManningAwards.