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SASKATOON NAMED HOST FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS 34TH MANNING AWARDS

Saskatoon, Sk. (Sept. 23, 2015) –This year Saskatoon earns the coveted title of host for the 34th Manning Awards dinner. A dinner that brings out Canada’s top innovators of 2015. The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation will honour these individuals in Saskatoon on Friday, October 2.

Modeled after the Nobel Prize, the Manning Innovation Awards are Canada’s most prestigious, awarding \$175,000 in prize money annually to innovators of all ages. This the first time the Manning Awards Foundation has held its awards ceremony in Saskatchewan.

“We are pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of our 2015 winners in a province with such a long history of innovation,” says Foundation President Jennifer Diakiw. “From carbon capture and storage technology to advances in agricultural products and systems to ensure global food security, this province is recognized as one of Canada’s most important innovation hubs. We look forward to honouring our 2015 award recipients in a province that actively helps foster and encourage innovators.”

More than 400 leaders from across Canada in government, business and academia, including members of the innovation community, are expected to attend the awards dinner being held at Prairieland Park. This year, for the first time, university students are being invited to participate as guests of sponsored tables.

“Innovation is vital in a changing world – for our people, our environment and our economy, and Saskatchewan is proud to be home to world-class innovators that are making important advances in health care, energy and food,” said Premier Brad Wall. “We are pleased to host the prestigious Manning Awards to recognize the innovators here in Saskatchewan and across Canada that are making a difference in our communities, country and world.”

The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation presents prizes annually to outstanding Canadian innovators. Manning Innovation Award winners are selected by a Canada-wide, independent selection committee of established leaders and authorities from various disciplines. The names of this year’s winners will be announced at a news conference in Saskatoon on October 1.

Honorary chairs of the 2015 awards dinner are Dallas J. Howe, past chair of PotashCorp, and Jim Hutch, P. Eng. former President/CEO of the Saskatchewan Research Council. This year’s dinner committee chair is Dr. Wilf Kellor, S.O.M., president and CEO of Ag-West Bio Inc. Saskatchewan business journalist Paul Martin will be master of ceremonies for the event. Scotiabank is returning as the dinner sponsor as it has been for the past 34 years.

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