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2014 Alberta Export Awards Finalists Announced

March 13, 2014 Edmonton, AB – Celebrating five years of excellence, the [Alberta Export Awards](#) are pleased to announce the finalists for the 2014 award season. Produced in partnership with [Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters](#) (CME) and JuneWarren-Nickle's Energy Group, the finalists were selected from a vast pool of nominations and represent companies from across Alberta industries that have demonstrated considerable success and innovation within the export sector. Categories include: Emerging Exporter, Manufacturing; Oil & Gas, Manufacturing; Other, Agricultural and Consumer Products, Technology and Media, Services, Exporter of the Year and Leadership. (The complete list of finalists can be found at the end of this release.)

In 2013, all Alberta industries combined showed a total of more than six per cent gains in export activities throughout the province. According to the Alberta government, exporting plays a crucial role in the provincial economy.

"Alberta's future economic prosperity depends on increasing our market access. It's essential that we continue to expand our international profile, particularly in today's competitive global marketplace," said Hon. Cal Dallas, Minister, International and Intergovernmental Relations.

Past Alberta Export Awards winners include Hyduke Energy Services Inc. (2013), Questor Technology Inc. (2013) and Norman Leach & Associates Inc. (2011). These companies have experienced continued success since receiving their awards.

Following on the successes of Alberta's award program, JuneWarren-Nickle's Energy Group and CME have recently decided to take the campaign national. [British Columbia](#) has been hosting their own export awards for more than five years, and Ontario is set to host the first ever Ontario Export Awards later this fall. Considerations are being made on future events in other provinces.

2014 winners will be announced **May 23, 2014**, at the awards luncheon and networking reception. With an estimated attendance of 400 industry decision makers, the event will take place at the Westin Hotel in Edmonton, AB. Event details including registration information can be found online at [albertaexportawards.ca](#).

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About CME

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) is Canada's largest trade and industry association, and the voice of manufacturing and global business in Canada. Collectively, CME's membership network accounts for an estimated 82 per cent of Canadian manufacturing production and 90 per cent of all goods and services exports. CME's mission is to assist Canadian manufacturers and exporters to compete and win in domestic and global markets by leveraging the leadership, expertise, connections, and strengths of their members. For more information on CME, please visit [cme-mec.ca](#).

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Emerging Exporter – Recognizes an up-and-coming Alberta exporter who has excelled in international exportation, and has made a significant contribution to the development of the Alberta economy.

- EMSCAN Corporation
- Extreme Telematics Corp.
- Hunter Well Science Ltd.

Manufacturing; Oil & Gas – Includes companies that are engaged in manufacturing for the oil and gas industry.

- Hi-Kalibre Equipment Ltd.
- KUDU Industries Inc.
- STRATA Energy Services Inc.

Manufacturing; Other – Includes companies that are engaged in secondary manufacturing, agri-processing, production of value-added products or components, machinery and/or equipment for industrial use.

- DIRTT Environmental Solutions
- International Mascot Corporation
- NOVA Chemicals Corporation

Agricultural and Consumer Products – Recognizes an Alberta company that specializes in and exports end products for direct-to-consumer or retail markets.

- Champion Petfoods LP
- Green Prairie International Inc.

Technology and Media – Includes companies or organizations that produce technology products and/or services for media.

- EMSCAN Corporation
- Pure Technologies Ltd.
- Streamline Automation Ltd.

Services – Includes companies or organizations that provide professional services, expert advice, technical support, engineering, consulting or educational programs which is specialized expertise to Alberta firms.

- SAIT Polytechnic

Exporter of the Year – The Exporter of the Year will be deemed to be the best of the best out of sector winners, and will have demonstrated that they have significantly contributed to the Alberta economy through economic growth in their community, new investment and job creation.

Leadership – Recognizes an organization or individual known for championing the cause of exporting in Alberta within their industry or field of expertise. The 2014 Leadership award recipient will be John Cotton of Ian Murray and Company.

International Business Student – Recognizes a post secondary student who has shown leadership and excelled in international studies while contributing to the Alberta Export community. The 2014 award recipient will be Charles Ma of Grant MacEwan University.

For more information on [award categories and selection criteria](http://albertaexportawards.ca), please visit albertaexportawards.ca