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2009 Winners Celebrated, Call for 2010 Nominations

Barrhead... GROWTH Alberta will recognize sixteen local businesses for 'Business Excellence' at our fifth annual Business Awards Gala to be hosted this Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the Westlock and District Community Hall.

"We are committed to the Business Awards project as we feel that small businesses are the backbone of our rural economy," states Pamela Marriott, Chair of GROWTH Alberta. "We are very excited to be marking the fifth anniversary of the awards, and we will be taking this special opportunity to look back on all eighty-four businesses that have now received awards from GROWTH Alberta for their contributions to our region."

The GROWTH Alberta region includes the Town of Swan Hills, Woodlands County, the Town and County of Barrhead, the Town of Westlock and Westlock County, the Village of Clyde and the County of Thorhild. Businesses within these areas can be nominated and may be recognized for business excellence. "We ask the public to nominate businesses that they think should be recognized. Our committee reviews the nominations and looks at things like economic contribution, community service, innovation and customer service," Marriott says.

As in years past, winners will be recognized by an audience of more than 250 guests with a professional video profile, a plaque and a commemorative scroll from MLA Ken Kowalski.

The Gala also marks the launch of our 2010 nominations period, and GROWTH Alberta is eager to learn of the businesses that our community feels should be recognized in 2010. "We always receive very positive feedback from the Awards Gala," explains GROWTH Alberta Manager, Jodi Goebel. "We are looking forward to celebrating on Saturday, and hope the evening inspires a record number of nominations in 2010."

Members of the public can nominate businesses for the 2010 business awards through newspaper advertisements in the next few weeks, or online at www.growthalberta.com. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2010.

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