Sustainable workplaces and local champions: 'Canada's Greenest Employers' for 2024 are announced

TORONTO, April 16, 2024 – If your organization wants to become more sustainable, start by listening to the employees who are most passionate about taking care of the planet. That's the message from this year's *Canada's Greenest Employers*, announced this morning by Mediacorp Canada Inc., organizers of the annual Canada's Top 100 Employers project.

"The common thread that runs through this year's winners is that they listen to the employees who care most about implementing green initiatives and encourage them to lead the conversation," says Chantel Watkins, assistant editor at Mediacorp. "By giving a voice to local champions, the staff members who are most passionate about the environment get the ball rolling on workplace initiatives that can make a significant difference."

The *Canada's Greenest Employers* competition is unique in that sustainability initiatives often cause a ripple effect far beyond the winners' workplaces. At most employers, these initiatives are launched by employees who are highly engaged with green practices and policies. A new program might start from a simple suggestion, such as instituting a 'reuse first' policy in the workplace to ensure as many items as possible are upcycled or sourced from recycled materials. From there, ripples from the policy bring similar changes to suppliers and customers, who discover that a more sustainable solution is possible. Employees also discuss the new green policies with one another and family members, which inspires employers in other industries and regions to implement similar initiatives.

"There are always questions when it comes to sustainability and the adoption of greener practices and policies" adds Richard Yerema, executive editor of the project. "By tapping into their most valuable resource, their people, employers can easily identify the areas most in need of attention. Whether they're brewing beer, manufacturing automobiles, or managing a nationwide accounting firm, local champions often lead the way by recommending and implementing the small incremental steps that create greener workplaces."

Now in its 17th year, *Canada's Greenest Employers* is an editorial competition that recognizes the employers that lead the nation in creating a culture of environmental awareness. Winning employers, selected by editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers, are evaluated using four main criteria: (1) unique environmental initiatives or programs they have developed; (2) whether they have been successful in reducing their own environmental footprint; (3) whether their employees are involved in these programs and contribute unique skills; and (4) whether the environmental initiatives have become part of an employer's public identity, attracting new employees and customers.

Founded in 1992, Mediacorp Canada Inc. is the nation's largest publisher of employment periodicals. Since 1999, the Toronto-based publisher has managed the <u>Canada's Top 100</u> <u>Employers</u> project, which includes 19 regional and special-interest editorial competitions that reach millions of Canadians annually through a variety of magazine and newspaper partners, including The Globe and Mail. Mediacorp sites reach over 2.6 million Canadians each year, including its <u>Eluta.ca</u> job search engine that lets job-seekers find new job postings and learn what the nation's best employers are offering.

The full list of *Canada's Greenest Employers* (2024) was announced today in a <u>special magazine</u> published by Mediacorp Canada Inc. and distributed online in The Globe and Mail. Detailed 'reasons for selection' for each of this year's winners, as well as stories and photos of their initiatives, were released today by the editors and are accessible via the <u>competition homepage</u>.

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Canada's Greenest Employers 2024 Winners

Accenture Inc., Toronto ON AET Group Inc., Kitchener ON Aramark Canada Ltd., Mississauga ON BC Housing Management Commission, Burnaby BC BC Hydro, Vancouver BC BC Public Service, Victoria BC Bell Canada, Montréal QC BlackBerry Limited, Waterloo ON BluEarth Renewables Inc., Calgary AB Boston Consulting Group of Canada Limited, Toronto ON British Columbia Institute of Technology / BCIT, Burnaby BC Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited, Toronto ON Canada Life Assurance Company, The, Winnipeg MB Canon Canada Inc., Brampton ON Capital Regional District, The / CRD, Victoria BC Centennial College, Toronto ON

CIBC, Toronto ON

Concordia University, Montréal QC

Co-operators Group Limited, The, Guelph ON

Credit Valley Conservation Authority / CVC, Mississauga ON

Crombie REIT, New Glasgow NS

Crown Property Management Inc., Toronto ON

Danone Canada, Boucherville QC

Desjardins Group / Mouvement Desjardins, Lévis QC

Diamond Schmitt Architects Inc., Toronto ON

Durham College of Applied Arts and Technology, Oshawa ON

EfficiencyOne, Dartmouth NS

Emterra Group, Oakville ON

ENMAX Corporation, Calgary AB

Evolugen, Gatineau QC

Export Development Canada, Ottawa ON

Farm Mutual Reinsurance Plan Inc. / Farm Mutual Re, Cambridge ON

Fleming College, Peterborough ON

Fortis Alberta Inc., Calgary AB

Geotab Inc., Oakville ON

GlaxoSmithKline Inc. / GSK, Mississauga ON

Green Infrastructure Partners, Toronto ON

G&W Electric, Brampton ON

Hatch Ltd., Mississauga ON

Home Depot Canada Inc., Toronto ON

HP Canada Co., Mississauga ON

Humber College, Toronto ON

Hydro Ottawa, Ottawa ON

Ice River Sustainable Solutions, Shelburne ON

IGM Financial Inc., Winnipeg MB

IKEA Canada Limited Partnership, Burlington ON

Keilhauer Ltd., Toronto ON

KPMG LLP, Toronto ON

Labatt Breweries of Canada, Toronto ON

Loblaw Companies Ltd., Brampton ON

Manitoba Hydro, Winnipeg MB

MEC Mountain Equipment Company Ltd., Vancouver BC

Medtronic Canada ULC, Brampton ON

Metrolinx, Toronto ON

Mohawk College, Hamilton ON

Mott MacDonald Canada Limited, Vancouver BC

Nature's Path Foods Inc., Richmond BC

Nightingale Corporation, Mississauga ON

NovAtel Inc., Calgary AB

OpenText Corporation, Waterloo ON

PCL Construction, Edmonton AB

Perkins&Will Canada Architects Co., Vancouver BC

Pomerleau Inc., Montréal QC

Printing House Ltd., The, Toronto ON

RONA Inc., Boucherville QC

RTS Canada Inc., Richmond BC

Sanofi Canada, Toronto ON

SAP Canada Inc., Vancouver BC

SaskPower, Regina SK

SaskTel, Regina SK

Siemens Canada Limited, Oakville ON

Sleeman Breweries Ltd., Guelph ON

Sodexo Canada Ltd., Montréal QC

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto ON

Surrey, City of, Surrey BC

Symcor Inc., Mississauga ON

Sysco Canada Inc., Toronto ON

TD Bank Group, Toronto ON

TELUS Communications Inc., Vancouver BC

Toronto Community Housing Corporation, Toronto ON

Toronto Zoo, Toronto ON

Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc. / TMMC, Cambridge ON

TransLink (South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority), New Westminster BC

Tru Earth Environmental Products Inc., Port Moody BC

UBC / University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC

Unilever Canada, Inc., Toronto ON

University Health Network, Toronto ON

University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George BC

University of Toronto, Toronto ON

University of Victoria, Victoria BC

Vancouver, City of, Vancouver BC

WalterFedy Inc., Kitchener ON

Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo ON

YMCA of Greater Toronto, Toronto ON

York University, Toronto ON