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Honouring Mississauga's finest businesses and business people: Mississauga Board of Trade's 2009 Business Awards of Excellence

Mississauga, Ontario (September 1, 2009) – Mississauga Board of Trade will host its 2009 *Business Awards of Excellence* on November 19 at the International Centre (6900 Airport Road in Mississauga). These awards honour the efforts of successful Mississauga businesses whose achievements have made important contributions to the economic well-being of Mississauga and its citizens.

Held annually, over 300 attendees were on hand to congratulate the 2008 winners at the lavish ceremony, which includes gourmet dinner, entertainment and a cocktail reception. This year's event promises to be a gala affair once more, and will include presentations from Mayor Hazel McCallion, MBOT representatives, special guests and of course, the deserving award winners.

Winners are all from Mississauga's business community and will be selected for the following business award categories:

- *Environmental Excellence*
- *Technology & Innovation*
- *Large Business of the Year*
- *Business Person of the Year*
- *Corporate Governance*
- *Small Business of the Year*
- *Business & The Arts*
- *Sam McCallion Small Business Community Involvement*
- *Entrepreneur of the Year*
- *Nurturing Success: Education & Business Working Together*

A cocktail reception will be held at 6 p.m. followed at 6:45 p.m. by dinner, award presentations and entertainment. The event title sponsors are Blink Communications and International Centre.

Corporate tables and individual tickets are now available as well as sponsorship opportunities. For more information on the awards ceremony, please contact Julie Stewart at 905-273-6151 ext. 32 or jstewart@mbot.com.

As the voice of business since 1976, Mississauga Board of Trade is a private-sector, not-for-profit business organization representing approximately 1,500 businesses, employing 65,000 people in Mississauga. MBOT is well positioned to meet the needs of business by using its considerable influence at all levels of government. As the forum for business, MBOT works together to influence public policy and promote a better understanding of the marketplace among policy makers, media and the general public.

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