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Who will be immortalized this year?

The ASTech Foundation is pleased to announce a Call for Nominations for the 2009 ASTech Awards

(Calgary, March 6, 2009) The ASTech Foundation today announced a call for nominations for the 2009 ASTech Awards. The ASTech Awards are Alberta's most prestigious honours for leadership and excellence in science and technology innovation. Recognized nationally, these awards honour the most outstanding individuals, teams and organizations in Alberta who are inspiring the next generation of innovation.

"ASTech Award recipients stand as a testament to the global influence of Alberta's world class science and technology", says Martin Kratz, Chair of the ASTech Foundation. "These awards honour those who dedicate their lives to innovation and scientific excellence, and I look forward to nominations of the highest caliber again this year."

The ASTech Awards are bestowed by the Foundation to an individual, team, organization or company in 12 award categories. Nominations may be filed electronically at www.atech.ab.ca. The deadline for nominations is June 1st, 2009. ASTech Award finalists and recipients will be honoured at a Black-Tie Awards Gala to be held on November 6th, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Calgary.

Now entering its 20th year, the ASTech Foundation has recognized over 200 award recipients. Past ASTech Award winners include Honourable Peter Lougheed, Q.C., internationally celebrated scientist and Order of Canada recipient Dr. David Schindler, Nobel Laureate Dr. Richard E. Taylor and some of Alberta's most recognized companies including SMART Technologies Inc., CV Technologies Inc. and DIRTT Environmental Solutions.

Background

The ASTech Foundation was established in 1989 as a private, not-for-profit organization. It is supported by patrons from Alberta's leading private and public sector organizations committed to recognizing innovation and research excellence.

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