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### **Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3 Honours Métis Business Leaders**

Calgary, AB (April 23, 2008) - Métis business leaders from Southern Alberta were honoured for their contributions and recognized for their efforts to improve the Alberta economy last Friday evening at the Entrepreneurial Leadership Awards.

The gala event brought together Métis entrepreneurs on April 18 to highlight the achievements of the Métis business community.

"It is important to recognize our business leaders as they are the ones who continue to drive our economy forward," said Audrey Poitras, President of the Métis Nation of Alberta. "By recognizing and supporting Métis businesses we are proud to say our entrepreneurs are helping to keep our Alberta economy strong."

This year marked the 10 year anniversary of the Entrepreneurial Leadership Awards hosted by Region 3. Each year the awards gala has continued to grow and flourish.

"The innovation and intelligence to see business opportunities in the marketplace are the core spirit of entrepreneurialism," said Marlene Lanz, President of Region 3 Métis Nation of Alberta. "All our award recipients exhibit these traits and we are proud to honour their contributions."

The Alberta economy is built on the entrepreneurial spirit. The award recipients have made a positive contribution to Alberta's growth. The winners are:

Entrepreneurial Leadership Award (Female) – Jones Geomatics Ltd. (Karla Jones) Calgary

Entrepreneurial Leadership Award (Male) – CARES Ltd. (George Clark) Calgary

Youth Entrepreneurial Leadership Award :

– Preston Berry (Three Trees Contracting Ltd.) Water Valley

Success in the Corporate World – Sharon Goulet (City of Calgary)

In Recognition of their Success and Contribution to the Métis Business Community:

– Jim Short (Liberty Tax) Lethbridge

– Billy Gladstone (Gladstone Water and Septic Systems Ltd.) Airdrie

– Kim Leblanc (Silver Tip Mechanical) Pincher Creek

– Al Dumont (Dumont Technical Services Ltd.) Sundre

Contribution and Support to the Métis Community – Devon Canada Corporation

Support & Service to the Métis Community – Métis Urban Housing Corp. accepted by Ila Vivier

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