



The ABEX Awards General Information

The ABEX Awards are open to all private sector (non-governmental), for profit, enterprises in Saskatchewan, whether large or small. A company may submit its own application or be sponsored by a third party (all third party nominations must be approved by an authorized representative of the sponsored company).

The business may be entered in more than one of the ABEX categories.

All applicants will automatically be entered into the “Business of the Year” category.

Once you have decided which categories the company is going to enter,

- ➔ Complete the Background Information
- ➔ Complete the entry form(s) corresponding to the categories you have chosen to enter.

Return the completed forms before **June 30, 2010** to:

The ABEX Awards Selection Committee
c/o Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce
1630 Chateau Tower - 1920 Broad Street
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3V2
Email: tdoroshenko@saskchamber.com

The ABEX administration office guarantees that any information you may provide will remain confidential. All information after judging will be destroyed or returned to you according to your direction.

The ABEX jury will evaluate the performance of a business over its most recent fiscal year.

The gala awards ceremony will be held in Regina on Saturday, October 30, 2010.

(Please use separate sheet of paper to answer if necessary)



Background Information

Name of Company: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____
 Name of President: _____
 Number of Employees: _____ Location of Head Office: _____
 In operation for _____ years Email: _____
 Person to contact regarding this submission: _____

Sales (latest three years, most recent first)

\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

Details of Field of Activities

Types of Products or Services	% of Total Sales/Revenue
_____	_____%
_____	_____%
_____	_____%

Geographical Distribution of Sales

Saskatchewan _____ % USA _____ %
 Other Provinces _____ % Other Countries _____ %

Financial Information

Financial success is an important criterion in recognizing business excellence.

In order to assist the jury in the selection of the ABEX Award winners, you are encouraged to submit any financial information that would demonstrate the success of the business. Also, finalists in various categories may be contacted by our independent supervisors, Dillon Hillstead Melanson Certified General Accountants, to provide certain financial data that would assist the jury in determining the financial stability of your business.

All information is treated in a strictly confidential manner.

Please enclose any documents (brochures, folders, annual reports) that the company has published describing its activities, interests, etc.

Authorized signatures _____ /
 Submitted by _____ Authorized by _____
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 Date _____ Date _____

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The ABEX Award for TIA New Saskatchewan Product

Sponsored by the Saskatchewan Research Council

The Achievement for Business Excellence Award for TIA New Saskatchewan Product goes to a business demonstrating exceptional performance in launching a new Saskatchewan-made product, technology or service, which is original and has good commercial potential. A New Product is considered to be anything that has been on the market for less than 3 years, as of the application deadline. The winner will receive a \$10,000.00 monetary prize provided by SRC's Technology-in-Action Fund.

NAME OF COMPANY

1. What new product, technology or service, not previously existing in Saskatchewan, Canadian and/or world markets was developed or introduced by the firm within the last three years? Provide a brief summary of developments to date. For how long has the product, technology or service been available to customers?

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2. Was the product, technology or service created in Saskatchewan? Where?

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3. Does the firm hold a patent or trademark on this product in Canada?

Yes No

4. Has the firm had, or are they thinking of having, the patent extended to other countries?

Yes No

(Please use separate sheet of paper to answer if necessary)



5. How significant are sales of the new product, technology or service relative to the firm and its marketplace? Please provide a summary of sales during the past two years indicating the percentage attributable to the new product, technology or service.

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6. Sales of the new Saskatchewan product, technology or service forecasted for the coming year:

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On what basis have you calculated such a forecast (market research, official statistics, experience, etc.)?

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7. What is the place of origin of the main components used in the manufacturing of this/these new product(s), technology (ies) or service (s)? (Applies only to manufacturing firms.)

..... % Other Western Provinces % Saskatchewan
..... % Ontario and Quebec % Other, please specify:
..... % Maritime Provinces

8. Has the product, technology or service already been the subject of any articles, news reports (enclose photocopies) or has it won awards? Please specify:

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9. What is original about the product, technology or service?

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10. Does this product, technology or service represent a new or emerging technology developed by your company?

Yes No

If yes, please describe the scope of the application of this technology and if it may be used to benefit Saskatchewan and/or other Saskatchewan businesses.

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11. Did a new, emerging, or existing technology play a role in the development of this product, technology or service?

Yes No

If yes, please describe the role this technology plays in the production of this product, technology or service and, what implication does this technology have for other Saskatchewan businesses.

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12. What is your assessment of the new product, technology or service’s potential for expanded market presence?

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13. What is the nominee’s company safety plan? Please enclose if possible. (Not sure what makes up a safety plan? visit www.saskchamber.com for more information.)

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14. Why do you feel this new product, technology or service deserves the ABEX Award for TIA New Saskatchewan Product?

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15. Please indicate a Saskatchewan business or local business leader who would support the nominee’s application for this award. (optional)

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- 2)
- 3)

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