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OSTEC Silicon Vineyard Innovation Award Finalists Announced

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OSTEC, their Event Title Event sponsor, **Petraroia Langford Edwards & Rush** and Award Sponsors, **NRC-IRAP, ONE Information Technology, MacLean Group Marketing and TELUS**, announced 11 finalists for the Silicon Vineyard Innovation Awards to be held March 4, 2004 at the Grand Okanagan Hotel.

The Silicon Vineyard Innovation Awards are designed to recognize excellence in industry of both innovative individuals and organizations involved with the science and technology industries in the following categories:

Finalists for Innovative Organization of the Year Award

- 1) Enquiro
- 2) Foresite Consultants
- 3) Vadim Software

Finalists for Outstanding Contribution to the Science & Technology Community

- 1) Al Hildebrandt
- 2) Al Stober Construction

Finalists for Innovator of the Year

- 1) Dave Barron
- 2) Gord Hotchkiss
- 3) Kamlesh Patel

Finalists for Most Promising Emerging Technology Company of the Year

- 1) BuildIT Systems Corp.
- 2) Canadian Commercial Vehicles Corporation
- 3) High Density Design Inc.

OSTEC's Member of the Year will be announced at the awards ceremony, acknowledging an OSTECH member who has shown outstanding commitment to OSTECH through support, involvement and volunteer activities.

Margret Horvath, Executive Director OSTECH, said, "We were pleased with the quality of nominees for a first-ever event; it certainly made the judges' job challenging to select finalists. It will be an exciting and rewarding evening to see recognition given to outstanding companies and individuals for their achievements."

Ross Langford of Petraroia Langford Edwards & Rush, the event's Title Sponsor commented "Petraroia Langford Edwards & Rush are proud to be involved in this exciting inaugural awards program. It is wonderful to see excellence in industry recognized in such a celebrated manner. We anticipate the Silicon Vineyard Innovation Awards program will continue to grow each year."

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