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April 4, 2005 (TIMMINS). The Timmins Chamber of Commerce Nova Awards committee named thirty local businesses as Finalists for the 2005 Nova Business Excellence Awards today. Chamber President Dave Roberts announced that the finalists were chosen with “great difficulty” by an impartial panel of three local judges, from a long list of nominations.

Kari Richer, Nova Committee Co-chair, added that finalists were selected for their efforts to transcend accepted standards of business excellence, through their customer service, management, or community involvement.

“As a group, these businesses have distinguished themselves by offering outstanding service and showing considerable entrepreneurial spirit”, commented Laura Laraman, Committee Co-chair.

The eleven category winners will be announced during a gala Awards ceremony on April 20. This unique and stylish affair promises to be the highlight of the spring business community calendar. “This is a first class event and we’re looking forward to recognizing all of the nominees and category winners that evening”, added Laraman. Tickets cost \$40 and are moving quickly. Call the Chamber office at 360-1900 to reserve your tickets today.

The Finalists in each category are:

2005 Nova Finalists**Business Contribution to Community**

Teletech
Northern Sports
Weed Man

Service Excellence

Northern Environmental Services
National Car & Truck Rental
Timmins Animal Hospital

New Business

Porcupine Engineering Services
Truestar for Women
CB Slashing

Marketing INNOVATION Achievement

Zenone's
Therault Plumbing & Heating
Mikey's General Sales & Service

Young Entrepreneur

Melanie Brousseau Massage Therapy
Clinic
Beyond Wireless
Bodywerx Fitness Centre

Business of the Year, 1-5 Employees

Porcupine Engineering Services
Northern Environmental Services
Paul Davis Systems

Business of the Year, 6-49 Employees

Weed Man
National Car & Truck Rental
Trident Group

Business of the Year, 50+ Employees

Dumas Contracting
Days Inn
Timmins Garage

Non-Profit Organization

Spruce Hill Lodge
Kinsmen Club of the Porcupine
Centre culturel La Ronde

Lifelong Learning Award

Corporation of the City of Timmins
BMO, Bank of Montreal
Falconbridge, Metallurgical Division

Media Person of the Year Award

to be announced at the event