

David Aplin Recruiting Requalifies As One Of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies

2008 winners flourish in adversity

Edmonton, February 3, 2009 – David Aplin Recruiting was a winner of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies program in 2007 and Requalified in 2008 to maintain their status as a Best Managed Company. This prestigious national award is sponsored by Deloitte, CIBC Commercial Banking, National Post, and Queen's School of Business.

"Over the past 16 years, Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies program has recognized the most innovative and Best Managed Companies in Canada. We would like to congratulate David Aplin Recruiting and its entire workforce. Achieving Canada's highest level of Canadian business excellence takes a united effort and we are privileged to acknowledge such a strong team," says John Hughes, Partner, Private Company Services group with Deloitte, a national sponsor of the Best Managed program.

Attracting the best employees is one of the reasons for David Aplin Recruiting's success. According to President Mike Bacchus, "Our success can be attributed to our people. We have exceptional individuals who have a habit of exceeding customer expectations. In this economy it's especially important to hire the best talent in the industry, and our company is no exception."

"We have worked hard to set a clear vision, develop a unique strategy, recruit the best team in the industry and it is gratifying to see our results recognized again this year with this prestigious award," says David Aplin, founder and CEO of David Aplin Recruiting.

Established in 1993, the Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies is a national awards program, recognizing Canadian companies that have implemented world-class business practices and created value in innovative ways. Applications are reviewed by an independent judging panel that evaluates how companies address various business challenges, including new technologies, globalization, brand management, leadership, leveraging and developing core competencies, designing information systems, and hiring the right talent to facilitate growth.

David Aplin Recruiting is a true Canadian success story. Founded in 1975, David Aplin Recruiting is a Canadian-owned national full-service search firm whose major areas of recruiting include Accounting and Finance, Engineering and Technical, Human Resources, Information Technology, Legal, Sales and Marketing, Supply Chain Management and Office Personnel. They have offices in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Mississauga, Ottawa and Halifax, plus affiliates in Montréal and the U.S. To learn more, visit www.aplin.com.

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About Canada's 50 Best Managed program

Celebrating its 16th anniversary, Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies continues to be the mark of excellence for Canadian-owned and managed companies with revenues over \$10 million. Every year since the launch of the program in 1993, hundreds of entrepreneurial companies have competed for this designation in a

rigorous and independent process that evaluates their management skills and practices. The awards are granted on three levels: 1) Best Managed winner (one of the 50 new winners selected each year); 2) Requalified member (repeat winners retain the Best Managed designation for two additional years, subject to annual operational and financial review); 3) Platinum Club member (winners that maintain Best Managed status for a minimum of six consecutive years.) Program sponsors are Deloitte, CIBC Commercial Banking, National Post, and Queen's School of Business. For further information, visit www.canadas50best.com.

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