

SURREY BOARD OF TRADE

SURREY INNOVATION AWARDS 2014 APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: Friday, April 25, 2014



SURREY INNOVATION AWARDS DINNER - MAY 21, 2014 AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION – EDUCATION – CONNECTIONS

"It is Surrey's innovative companies that will meet the challenges of the new economy, expanding opportunity in this great city and improving lives around the globe"

- Anita Huberman, CEO, Surrey Board of Trade

The Surrey Innovation Awards celebrates, educates, and connects innovators across all industries by Surrey businesses AND helps make Surrey a recognized hub of innovation by igniting a new narrative for our city, strengthening its economic future and building the spirit of innovation.

INNOVATION CONCEPTS:

1. Transforming ideas into commercial reality
2. Improving business processes
3. Tying academic research and developments into commercial reality
4. Innovation requires collaboration across a wide range of constituencies, including corporate leaders, start-up entrepreneurs, university leaders, faculty members, and students, investors, and public officials.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

1. **EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION AWARD** - Recognizes an organization that has developed a new or improved technology, service, process or product by using creative methods and innovative thinking that has the potential to transform an industry sector or quality of life.
2. **YOUNG INNOVATOR AWARD** - Recognizes the entrepreneurial spirit of an individual less than 30 years of age who has demonstrated innovative thinking through the research and/or development of a technology-related product or service.

SCORING CRITERIA

Based on a possible maximum score of 100, each category will be awarded a maximum of 20 points:

1. **Intellectual Achievement** - The degree of intellectual achievement or quality of ingenious thinking and experiment to discover, create or conceive the innovation.
2. **Uniqueness and Originality** - Refers to the state of being original; the freshness of aspect, design or style utilized to produce the invention.
3. **Development** - Refers to the extent to which the idea or concept has been thought through to completion.
4. **Commercialization** - Refers to the degree of successful commercialization or quantifiable impact of the innovation.
5. **Benefits** - Refers to the economic and/or social benefit to Canada resulting from the innovation.

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Completing the Application Form

- The quality of the application submitted is an important factor in demonstrating the applicant's achievements and thereby enhancing its prospects of selection. The focus of judging will be based on the responses to the questions below.
- Incomplete answers to questions could result in the disqualification of the application. Please ensure that the answers address the key issues of innovation and sustainability of trade activities.
- Applicants may submit supporting materials as part of their application. These materials may include items such as promotional DVD's, packaging and promotional literature (a maximum of 10 pages may be submitted including the application form).

Application Deadline: Friday, April 25, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. **Event Date:** May 21, 2014 from 5:30- 9:30 p.m.

Nomination Form available online: www.businessinsurrey.com/surrey-innovation-awards

Submit by mail or in person to: Surrey Board of Trade, #101 - 14439-104 Avenue, Surrey, BC, V3R 1M1

Questions: Heather Booth, Surrey Board of Trade at 604-634-0341 or heather@businessinsurrey.com

1. Applicant's Details

Organization Name: (This will be the wording you wish to be used in publicity and on the Award trophy)	
Name of Innovation:	
Name of Chief Executive:	
Awards Contact Person:	
Position:	
Address:	
City:	
Postal Code:	
Year Established:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Website:	
If you are the subsidiary or affiliate of another organization please state the relationship:	

2. Please Select Your Category:

- Innovation Award - Excellence in Innovation
 Innovation Award - Young Innovator

3. Intellectual Achievement - Explain the degree of intellectual achievement or quality of ingenious thinking and experiment to discover, create, or conceive the innovation. A SEPARATE PAGE(S) CAN BE ATTACHED.

4. Uniqueness and Originality – Explain the innovation’s state of being original; the freshness of aspect, design or style utilized to produce the invention. A SEPARATE PAGE(S) CAN BE ATTACHED.

5. Development - Explain the extent to which the idea or concept has been thought through to completion. A SEPARATE PAGE(S) CAN BE ATTACHED.

6. Commercialization - Explain the degree of successful commercialization or quantifiable impact of the innovation. A SEPARATE PAGE(S) CAN BE ATTACHED.

7. Benefits – Explain the economic and/or social benefit to Canada resulting from the innovation. SEPARATE PAGE(S) CAN BE ATTACHED.

8. Financial

Attach a letter from your banker or accountant, ensuring financial well-being of your business. A sample letter is available online at www.businessinsurrey.com/surrey-international-awards.

8. Certification

Company Name:	
Name:	
Position:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Ensure that the following items are included before submitting your nomination:

- Attach a letter from banker or accountant ensuring financial well-being of business
- Provide a copy of your business license
- Return your completed application form and attachments by mail, email or fax before 5:00pm Friday, April 25, 2014

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014 BY 5:00PM