Amid strong economic growth and a growing economy, a renewed focus on stability and supportive workplace policies: 'Alberta's Top Employers' for 2023 are announced

CALGARY, AB, Jan. 31, 2023 – In the middle of a strong economic rebound, Alberta employers are doubling-down to provide employees with stability and peace-of-mind through comprehensive workplace benefits and supportive workplace policies. The best of these initiatives were recognized this morning, as this year's *Alberta's Top Employers* winners were announced by Mediacorp Canada Inc., organizers of the annual Canada's Top 100 Employers project.

"Recent forecasts point to significant job creation in Alberta," notes Richard Yerema, executive editor at Mediacorp. "With growing demand for the latest skills and new ways of working, employers in the province are having to work harder to attract talent amid a very tight labour market."



The strength of this year's list of winners can be seen in the wide array of benefits offered, ranging from flexible health benefits plans and progressive time-off policies to support for employees with young families. Competitive compensation, performance incentives, retirement assistance and other benefits that speak to this 'hard-earned' but 'well-deserved' ethos.

"This year's winners have struck a balance between the practical and progressive, incorporating flexibility where possible and ensuring they remain ahead of the curve when it comes to meeting the expectations of today's job-seeker," adds Kristina Leung, managing editor at Mediacorp.

Notable initiatives singled out by the editors this year include:

- Pason Systems provided a salary adjustment last summer to help employees manage rising costs of living and provided employees with additional savings via discounted auto leases and home/auto insurance.
- Rogers Insurance recognizes exceptional performance through an in-house program (Rock Star Awards), which includes \$1,000 matching RRSP contributions, dinners with senior managers, and other perks throughout the year.
- WCB Alberta has invested in improving employee well-being, providing health and wellness spending accounts (up to \$3,000) and increasing paramedical coverage in the past year to enhance reimbursement for psychologist, physical therapy, massage therapy, chiropractor, and acupuncture services.

- Employees at <u>Shell Canada</u> benefit from retirement planning assistance, which includes a defined contribution pension plan and phased-in work options for those nearing retirement age.
- <u>UFA Co-operative</u> offers a flex days policy that provides eligible employees with the ability to take occasional paid days off for personal appointment and recreational activities, or just spend time with friends and family.
- <u>Translational Research In Oncology/TRIO</u> offers hybrid and remote work options for all
 office-based employees, allowing them to switch between options once per year.
 Employees also receive financial support to set up home offices, as well as monthly
 reimbursements for additional expenses, including transportation to the office.

First published in 2006, *Alberta's Top Employers* is a special designation that recognizes Alberta employers that lead their industries in offering exceptional places to work. Employers throughout the province were evaluated by the editors at Canada's Top 100 Employers using the same criteria as the national competition: (1) Workplace; (2) Work Atmosphere & Social; (3) Health, Financial & Family Benefits; (4) Vacation & Time Off; (5) Employee Communications; (6) Performance Management; (7) Training & Skills Development; and (8) Community Involvement. Employers are compared to other organizations in their field to determine which offer the most progressive and forward-thinking programs. The annual competition is open to any employer with its head office in Alberta; employers of any size may apply, whether private or public sector.

Founded in 1992, Mediacorp Canada Inc. is the nation's largest publisher of employment periodicals. Since 1999, the Toronto-based publisher has managed the <u>Canada's Top 100</u> <u>Employers</u> project, which includes 18 regional and special-interest editorial competitions that reach millions of Canadians annually through a variety of magazine and newspaper partners, including The Globe and Mail. Mediacorp also operates <u>Eluta.ca</u>, one of Canada's largest job search engines, which reaches millions of job-seekers annually and features editorial reviews from the Canada's Top 100 Employers project.

The full list of *Alberta's Top Employers* (2023) was announced today in a <u>special magazine</u> published in the Calgary Herald and Edmonton Journal. Detailed reasons for selection for each of the winners were released by the editors today and are accessible via the <u>competition</u> <u>homepage</u>.

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Alberta's Top Employers 2023 Winners

Absorb Software Inc., Calgary

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation / AFSC, Lacombe

Alberta Blue Cross, Edmonton

Alberta Central, Calgary

Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis / AGLC, St. Albert

Alberta Health Services / AHS, Edmonton

Alberta Innovates, Edmonton

Alberta Investment Management Corporation, Edmonton

Alberta Pensions Services Corporation / APS, Edmonton

Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan / ASEBP, Edmonton

Alberta Securities Commission / ASC, Calgary

Alberta Teachers' Association, The, Edmonton

Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation, Edmonton

Aquatera Utilities Inc., Grande Prairie

ATCO Group, Calgary

Bennett Jones LLP, Calgary

Birchcliff Energy Ltd., Calgary

BluEarth Renewables Inc., Calgary

Boardwalk REIT, Calgary

Bow Valley College, Calgary

Calgary Airport Authority, The, Calgary

Calgary Co-operative Association Limited, Calgary

Calgary Police Service, Calgary

Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District, Calgary

Calgary West Central Primary Care Network / CWC PCN, Calgary

Canada Energy Regulator, Calgary

Canadian Pacific Railway Limited, Calgary

CapitalCare Group Inc., Edmonton

Champion Petfoods LP, Edmonton

Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta, Edmonton

Convergint Technologies Ltd., Calgary

Corteva Agriscience Canada, Calgary

Covenant Health. Edmonton

Dentons Canada LLP, Edmonton

Duncan Craig LLP, Edmonton

DynaLIFE Dx, Edmonton

Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division, Edmonton

Enbridge Inc., Calgary

ENMAX Corporation, Calgary

Enverus, Calgary

EPCOR Utilities Inc., Edmonton

Fluor Canada Ltd., Calgary

FortisAlberta Inc., Calgary

Gibson Energy Inc., Calgary

Gilead Alberta ULC, Edmonton

Graham Group, Calgary

Imperial Oil Limited, Calgary

Inter Pipeline Ltd., Calgary

Keyera Corp., Calgary

Lac La Biche County, Lac La Biche

Lafarge Canada Inc., Calgary

Lakeland College, Vermilion

Mawer Investment Management Ltd., Calgary

Mercer Peace River Pulp Ltd., Peace River

NAIT / Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Edmonton

NovAtel Inc., part of Hexagon, Calgary

Olympia Financial Group Inc., Calgary

Pason Systems Corp., Calgary

PCL Construction, Edmonton

Pembina Pipeline Corporation, Calgary

PRIMED Medical Products, Inc., Edmonton

Riva International, Inc., Edmonton

Rogers Insurance Ltd., Calgary

Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation, The, Edmonton

Rümi, Calgary

SAIT, Calgary

Shell Canada Limited, Calgary

Silvacom Ltd., Edmonton

Translational Research In Oncology, Edmonton

UFA Co-operative Limited, Calgary

University of Calgary, Calgary

Western Financial Group Inc., High River

Wood Buffalo, Regional Municipality of, Fort McMurray

Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, Edmonton