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### Living Wage Employer confirmed as BC's Best Employer

Eclipse Awards was last night confirmed as the Best Employer in BC at a gala awards ceremony hosted by Global BC's Aaron McArthur and Canuck legend Trevor Linden. Organized by BC Small Business, the event was the culmination of a province-wide contest that recognizes and celebrates the important contributions of BC's entrepreneurs to their local communities and the wider global economy.

Eclipse Awards is a leading designer of recognition awards and programs that accelerate social change. Eclipse specializes in hand-crafted crystal recognition awards as well as eco-friendly green awards made from reclaimed materials. Eclipse Awards was recognized for their commitment to creating a healthy, safe and inspiring place to work as well as their community contributions. Some of their pioneering and innovative workplace measures have included:

- In 2007, Eclipse Awards renovated a condemned building in the Downtown Eastside to house their business. The building is designed with environmental principles and includes a 2000 sq.ft. green roof with gardening plots for staff.
- A commitment to work life balance- Eclipse Awards became certified as the 8th Living Wage Employer in BC, ensuring that staff and service contractors receive remuneration that enables them to support their families and participate in their community. They have been joined by other Living Wage Employers like Vancity, United Way of the Lower Mainland and the City of New Westminster.
- A commitment to sustainability- They offer subsidized bus passes as well as cash incentives to those who walk or bike to work, while their Brown Bag Award rewards staff for cooking, bringing lunch & driving less.

Eclipse Awards' founder Toby Barazzuol said:

“As a company, our mission is to help other organizations recognize and celebrate the human elements of business and sustainability. As you might imagine, this is also a philosophy that guides how our company operates and how we value our team. So when we're lucky enough to find ourselves on the receiving end of some recognition, it's a great reminder of why we do what we do.”

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