

# B.C. companies honoured at 2015 BC Export Awards



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Attendees gathered at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver November 20 for the 2015 BC Export Awards presented by *Business in Vancouver*, **Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters British Columbia** and the **Ministry of International Trade**. The program has recognized hundreds of companies since its 1982 inception and reflects the growth and diversity of B.C.'s economy. Eleven companies and individuals were recognized for their outstanding contribution to the province's export industry in nine sectors and two individual categories. **Corvus**

**Energy** took home the prestigious Exporter of the Year Award as well as the Sustainability Award. **Geoff Chutter** of **WhiteWater West Industries Ltd.** won the Leadership Award, and **Erik Bainbridge** of **Simon Fraser University** was awarded the International Business Studies Award. The day kicked off with a trade show in which finalists and sponsor companies displayed their products. A reception hosted by MLA and Parliamentary Secretary **Greg Kylo** was also on the agenda. A full list of winners can be found at [www.bcexportawards.com](http://www.bcexportawards.com).

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Greg Kylo, MLA and parliamentary secretary for the BC Jobs Plan (left), presents Jim Girard, CFO of OSI Maritime Systems, the Minister's Award for Job Creation



Marcus Ewert-Johns, vice-president, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters British Columbia (left), presents the Consumer Products Award to Jan Korteland, CEO, Country Chic Paint



Ram Venkiteswaran, director, business development, Western Canada, UPS (left), presents the Emerging Exporter Award to Tomas Skrinskas, manager, business operations, Precision NanoSystems



Colin Hansen, CEO, AdvantageBC (left), presents the Professional Services Award to Michael Heeney, principal, Bing Thom Architects



Neil Lang, COO of Corvus Energy (right), accepts the Sustainability Award, presented by Dave Hargreaves, senior manager, industrial marketing, BC Hydro



Michael Heaven, COO of WhiteWater West Industries (right), accepts the Manufactured Products Award, presented by Peter Veerman, manufacturing leader for south coastal B.C., Grant Thornton



Maynard Angus, manager of public affairs and community relations, Prince Rupert Port Authority (left), presents the Natural Resources Award to Jon O'Connor, CEO, Hops Connect



Ed Zacharuk, partner in charge of KPMG's western Canadian tax incentives practice (left), presents the Advancing Technology and Innovation Award to Kari Hilden, president, Papertech



Sue Belisle, president and publisher, *Business in Vancouver* (left), presents the Digital Media and Entertainment Award to Peter Janis, president, Radial Engineering



Neil Lang, COO of Corvus Energy (right), accepts the prestigious Exporter of the Year Award from Michael Klopchic, senior vice-president and head of corporate banking, Western Canada, HSBC Bank Canada



Erik Bainbridge accepting the International Business Studies Award presented by the BC Council for International Education



Michael Heaven, COO of WhiteWater West Industries (right), accepts the Leadership Award on behalf of president and CEO Geoff Chutter of WhiteWater West Industries. The award was presented by Floris Sjer, market manager, Western Canada, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines

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2015 BC Export Awards winners from left to right: Michael Heaven of WhiteWater West Industries, Peter Janis of Radial Engineering, Michael Heeney of Bing Thom Architects, Jim Girard of OSI Maritime Systems, Kari Hilden of Papertech, Neil Lang of Corvus Energy, Tomas Skrinskas of Precision NanoSystems, Jon O'Connor of Hops Connect, Jan Korteland of Country Chic Paint and Erik Bainbridge, student of Simon Fraser University



Kirk LaPointe, BIV's vice-president of audience and business development, was the awards presentation's MC



Finalists pose with MLA and Parliamentary Secretary for the BC Jobs Plan Greg Kylo at the minister's reception prior to the awards ceremony

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# BC's top exporters contribute so much to the economy, they deserve an award.

We extend hearty congratulations to the winners of all categories of the 2015 BC Export Awards. With your dedication to achieving excellence, you're an inspiration to everyone involved in the exporting industry.

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