

Levelton Consultants "OrCAN" structure titled "Breaching Hunger."



CANSTRUCTION VANCOUVER 2008

Levelton Consultants Ltd.'s Orca Whale sculpture, titled "Breaching Hunger," was voted the runaway winner of the People's Choice Award at this year's Canstruction Vancouver event.

Made of a staggering 12,800 cans, this "OrCAN" structure also captured this year's Structural Ingenuity Award and the APEGBC Engineers' Choice Award. In total, 14 awards were handed out at the design-build competition. Held at the Cruise Ship Terminal at Canada Place, 21 teams participated in the 2008 event.

Now in its 6th year, Canstruction Vancouver raised more than \$20,000 and 120,000 cans of food for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society. Since its inception in 2003, the annual design-build competition has raised more than 750,000 cans.

VRCA READIES FOR 20TH AWARDS GALA

The Vancouver Regional Construction Association (VRCA) has already started to gear up for the 2008 Awards of Excellence program. The annual awards ceremony will be held Nov. 6 at Vancouver's Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The program recognizes construction companies and personnel who have made outstanding contributions to the industry. Gold awards are given in three different categories to general contractors and in six categories to electrical contractors, mechanical contractors and other trade contractors. To be eligible, general contractors must be members of the VRCA. Trade contractors, however, may be members of the VRCA or contracted to a general contractor that is a member of the VRCA.

In addition, awards are given to individuals for Contractor of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and Educator of the Year, to name a few. WorkSafeBC also sponsors a series of safety awards. Entry forms are currently being sent out to VRCA members. All entries must be submitted to the

VRCA by June 30. Projects being submitted must achieve substantial completion by the same date. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Awards of Excellence program. Last year's awards program attracted nearly 120 submissions representing over \$800 million worth of construction.

ATTENDANCE UP AT B.C. CONSTRUCTION SHOW

A must-attend event for the construction industry in B.C., nearly 12,000 people flooded the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre for the B.C. Construction Show, up 7.8 per cent from last year. The 17th annual event, which took place Feb. 13 and 14, is Western Canada's largest annual conference and exposition for the design, construction, renovation, retrofit and refurbishment of all buildings types.

The 2008 show showcased more than 550 exhibits on the sold out exhibition floor. McNichols Co. was the recipient of the Best B.C. Construction Show Booth.

This year, more than 125 speakers offered their professional insight on key issues facing the industry. Of the 60-plus available sessions, the most popular included *LEED for Construction*, a half-day seminar that discussed sustainable design issues affecting general and trade contractors, manufacturers and suppliers; *Construction Management*, which addressed why owners are increasingly using construction management instead of the traditional design-bid-build system; and the annual architectural roundtable. This year, the topic was *Achieving a Net Zero Footprint in Design, Architecture and Construction*. Other highlights of the two-day event included the sold-out CEO breakfast. Attended by approximately 200 of the industry's leading construction, development and architectural executives, this year's guest speaker was the City of Vancouver's director of planning, Brent Toderian, who addressed the City's EcoDensity initiative.

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FAIRBANK CHOSEN AS ICBA CHAIR

Having served the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA) for more than 10 years, Bob Fairbank was appointed the new chair in January. Fairbank, COO of Eagle West Cranes Inc., has identified 'growth' as the main focus of his mandate — growth of the association's membership and growth in influence at the national level through closer collaboration with its sister association in Alberta, the Merit Contractors Association, and other open shop associations across Canada. **CB**