



## 2010 CEA Showcase Awards

The Consulting Engineers of Alberta are a not-for-profit organization representing the business and professional interests of consulting engineering companies in Alberta.

Day in and day out, consulting engineering firms routinely demonstrate their excellent technical knowledge by solving various challenges within a host of industries. And many challenges are solved through innovation and the application of innovative thinking.

But, being a relatively quiet and humble group, the contribution to society by consulting engineers is perhaps one of the best kept secrets. And so, CEA created the Showcase Awards as an annual event to raise the profile of our clients, our projects, and our firms.

As a show of support to our personnel, Stewart Weir nominated our quality management initiative for the 2010 CEA Showcase Awards.

In total, CEA received 85 submissions from its member firms, covering 10 broad categories.

## Quality Management System (QMS)

Stewart Weir has always identified client satisfaction and quality services as being paramount to maintaining an enviable reputation and achieving corporate success. In late 2007, we embarked on a journey to develop a QMS to **ensure** that the services we offer are of superior quality.

The journey involved the creation of quality related policies and documentation of various procedures that we utilize to carry out our services; and it resulted in the implementation of our new system on December 1, 2008. During implementation, personnel came forward with further improvements to the system that led to clarity, efficiency, and superior quality. We had always known that our personnel were exceptional. Once again they proved their ability to not only adapt to new processes but to contribute, improve, and enhance them.

The efforts of our personnel in embracing the improved processes and developing a quality management system were rewarded by our achievement of **ISO 9001:2008 Certification** on May 7, 2009 for our Sherwood Park and Grande Prairie offices. We are extremely proud of the dedication and contributions of our personnel in achieving this notable milestone.

## Award of Excellence

At CEA's Showcase Awards gala on February 5, 2010, we were presented with an Award of Excellence in the category of Community Outreach & In-House Initiatives. And we are ecstatic.

One of the judges had this comment:

By submitting its entire company to the discipline of an established Quality Management System such as ISO 9001, Stewart Weir should be commended for taking the "leap of faith" required to push their company beyond the realm of "good enough" to the "top of class"!

Stewart Weir has received awards, from a variety of sources, over recent years and most of these were project related. Although we are content in just knowing that we developed a really good thing internally, it is always appreciated when efforts are recognized; especially when it relates to the efforts exerted by the entire company.

Consequently, this achievement results from and is shared with all of our exceptional personnel.