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HAT Smart Brings Home an Emerald Award

Medicine Hat – HAT Smart, an environmental initiative of the City of Medicine Hat, took top honours in the Government Institution category at the 19th Annual Emerald Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, June 10, 2010 in Calgary, Alberta.

“We were proud when HAT Smart was named as a finalist for an Emerald Award, but to win just reinforces that as a City we are making the right environmental and sustainable energy decisions,” said Mayor Norm Boucher.

The Alberta Emerald Foundation recognizes individuals and organizations who demonstrate leadership and innovation in environmental issues. “HAT Smart has had many successes over the years and receiving this award confirms that the City of Medicine Hat is on the right track when it comes to the environment,” said Russ Smith, Energy Sustainability Manager for the City of Medicine Hat. “These awards recognize excellence in the environmental industry and we are proud that HAT Smart is seen at this level.”

HAT Smart successes include:

- Funding assistance for The Ridge Professional Building where solar panels were installed on western Canada’s largest rooftop solar electric installation to aid in energy-savings and to serve as a prototype for other commercial partnerships.
- The Smart Solar Concentrating Solar Electric Project is one of the landmark programs and it uses the latest solar electric technology to produce 50 per cent more energy than a basic solar electric system.
- Local participation in Federal and Provincial residential energy conservation programs at three times the provincial average.

HAT Smart continues to work with residents on home renovation programs, hosting energy conservation seminars, managing the provincial and federal government energy efficient appliance and furnace rebates and the community environmental grant, as well as the residential and commercial incentives.

For more information about the HAT Smart program, visit www.hatsmart.ca.

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