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Official launch of the Accolades 2010 Competition
Of The West Island of Montreal Chamber of Commerce

Pointe-Claire, January 15th 2010 - With over 200 members of the business community present at the President's Cocktail held at the Dollard-des-Ormeaux Civic Center on January 14th, **The West Island of Montreal Chamber of Commerce** (WIMCC) officially launched the start of its **25th Accolades Competition**. This annual event, which you will not want to miss, celebrates business **excellence and leadership**. All businesses and non-profit organizations located in the West Island of Montreal or those which are located outside of the West Island, but have had significant business activity in the West Island for the last two years and are members with the Chamber are eligible and have until March 12th to enter the competition in a maximum of two of the **10 award categories**. The winners will be announced at the Accolades Gala to be held **on June 3rd 2010**.

"The candidates are asked to outline their most remarkable successes in the past twelve months. The jury then takes into consideration how these successes had an impact on the business and how it helped differentiate the organization from others in the field", explained **Marc Y. Poitras, President** of this year's **Accolades 2010** Committee. "As a rule, members of the jury must sign a Disclosure of Interest and nominees can be assured that the process of selection and the awarding of the prizes are done with transparency, professionalism and equity," underlines the President of the Grand Jury, J. David Pecho.

The **Accolades Gala** is a major event for the **WIMCC** and offers its partners excellent visibility. Year after year, the business community recognizes this event as the most prestigious event of the year.

As the West Island of Montreal's primary business organization, the **Chamber of Commerce** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to represent the interests of businesses within the region and to encourage and promote, through services and activities, the economic well being of the local business community.

Nomination forms for the **Accolades 2010** competition are available on The West Island of Montreal Chamber of Commerce web site at www.wimcc.ca.

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