



## **Calgary TELUS Convention Centre Earns Prestigious BOMA Environment Certification**

The Calgary TELUS Convention Centre has become the first Calgary Building to be certified BOMA Go Green in recognition of responsible environmental practices in Building Operations.

Go Green was introduced by BOMA, (Building Owners and Managers Association) Canada in April 2005 as a National Environmental Certification of best practices in building operations. BOMA Go Green is the only industry-recognized environmental program and the only program endorsed by BOMA.

BOMA Go Green focuses on five key areas where commercial buildings have environmental impacts: Resource consumption (energy); waste reduction and recycling; building materials; interior environment and tenant awareness.

From left to right: Mayor Dave Bronconnier, Marcia Lyons GM CTCC, William Partridge Executive VP BOMA, Terry Schmitt President BOMA, Jim Harvie Director of Operations CTCC, Mark Zivot Chair CTCC



According to Bill Partridge, BOMA Calgary's Executive Vice President, "Tenants are much more sophisticated in their lease requirements and some are specifying certain indoor environmental standards. It is a logical extension of this practice that down the road, tenants will also require specific levels of performance in terms of environmental stewardship. BOMA Go Green provides that measurement tool." Tenants can be confident that buildings maintaining the BOMA Go Green Certification maintain a very high standard of environmental responsibility and performance.

The Calgary TELUS Convention Centre Director of Operations, Jim Harvie explains: "The convention centre's environmental and energy-efficient features include such things as compact fluorescent lighting and variable-speed escalators, along with a sophisticated computer-controlled heating and cooling systems. Go Green Certification is important to us as it recognizes what the Centre is doing to benefit the environment."

"We are pleased to have received the BOMA Award. This is a tribute to the function and design of the centre which has allowed us to improve operational efficiencies and provide a better meetings space for our clients." said Marcia Lyons, General Manager of the facility. "This award coupled with the recent service excellence award from M & IT Magazine (Meetings and Incentive Travel), which we received earlier in the year, helps to confirm that our approach to good service is on the right track".

The Calgary TELUS Convention Centre's expansion in 2000 received the BOMA Building of the Year – Government/Institutional Facility for 2002.

The Calgary TELUS Convention Centre has been a leader in the Canadian marketplace since 1972 when it became the first convention centre to be built in Canada. In 2000 it continued its tradition of firsts when it became the first convention centre in Canada to install Category-6 cabling and the first to install a 177-foot long floor-to-ceiling feature window which runs the entire width of a 50,000 square foot free-span tradeshow floor. In June 2005 the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre was the first facility to receive the Go Green Environmental Certificate in the province of Alberta, Canada.

The Calgary TELUS Convention Centre is one of Canada's premier convention and meeting facilities. It is operated by The Calgary Convention Centre Authority on behalf of the City of Calgary. The facility provides over 132, 000 square feet of flexible meeting and exhibit space to the conventions and meetings industry, trade and consumer shows, corporations and private individuals.