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## **Chamber presented with Provincial Award**

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The Alberta Chambers of Commerce is the united voice of community Chambers, representing 127 communities and over 22,000 businesses. This year the Leduc and District Chamber of Commerce hosted the Alberta Chambers of Commerce Annual General Meetings on May 25-27.

At the Presidents' Dinner on Saturday night, the Airdrie Chamber of Commerce was presented with the 2005 ALBERTA CHAMBER OF THE YEAR in their size category. This award is handed out annually to the chamber based on their key successes in 2005 and how these successes contributed to this Chamber's effectiveness, advocacy, representation at Alberta Chambers events, profile in the community, membership growth and quality of the submission.

Alberta Chambers' President Elect Brad Cody presented this prestigious award with this introduction "From a new and improved location, to exciting new events, to hitting a milestone in their membership, 2005 was a fabulous year for this Chamber. For each of the past three years they have had an 11% growth in membership. They have 10 very active committees, which attracts 98 community minded volunteers. Their biggest fundraiser, a Home & Garden Show, sold out in 30 days.

With the help of the Red Deer Chamber this Chamber planned their first Business After Hours with 14 exhibitors. Each year they are involved with several public events including Community Concerts, Small Business Week luncheon, Moonlite Madness, Santa Claus Parade and the Festival of Lights.

They launched a new logo, updated their membership fees, introduced a new membership benefit, enhanced their website presence and updated their monthly luncheon sponsorship packages and continue to have a waiting list for sponsors."

President Tim Bolton accepted this award along with Past President Bruce Kerr and Executive Director Lorna Hunt. "I am honored to accept this award on behalf of the entire board of directors, our Past President, our Executive Director and all our volunteers who contribute to our successes", said Tim Bolton.

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