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Construction Association of Nova Scotia wins CCA Gold Seal Association Award at Canadian Construction Association Annual Conference

HALIFAX, March 9, 2016 --The Construction Association of Nova Scotia (CANS) was thrilled to take home the CCA Gold Seal Association Award at the Construction Association of Canada's (CCA) Annual Conference taking place March 4-11th in New Orleans.

"As part of our Strategic Plan we set out to be a leading provider of industry education and training to the construction industry," says CANS President Duncan Williams. "Over the past 4 years we have continued to increase the sophistication of offerings and have been promoting Gold Seal Certification as the industry standard."

The CCA Gold Seal Association Award recognizes outstanding achievements by CCA partner associations to promote and support the CCA Gold Seal program.

"Our entire course catalogue is Gold Seal Accredited," says Williams. "This translates to over 80 courses, and approximately 44 Gold Seal credits or 220 hours of training, that members can then take and apply towards their Gold Seal Certification."

Through a variety of communications channels, including Lunch and Learn sessions, CANS provides members with the benefits of Gold Seal Certification, the certification process, the paths to certification, and the process to apply for certification. CANS also works directly with individuals and organizations to develop customized training plans designed to help individuals become certified.

"In 2015-2016 CANS had over 100 members engaged in one of the phases of the Gold Seal process," adds Williams. "Looking forward to 2016-2017 we are continuing to see growth as more and more members understand the benefits of Gold Seal Certification."

To-date the construction industry in Nova Scotia has through CANS invested over 2.5 million in training and education. CANS has also assisted members pursuing their Gold Seal Certification in securing funding through the Department of Labour and Advanced Education and an initiative of the Canada-Nova Scotia Job Grant Workplace Innovation and Productivity Skills Incentive (WIPSI). To date CANS has helped member companies secure more than \$400,000 in government funding for training.

The Canadian Construction Association's National Awards Program recognizes the important contributions of individuals, organizations and projects that promote and enhance the Canadian construction industry, whether through innovation, projects, or dedication to the industry.

"We are always working to find new ways to engage our members and increase value and this Award is really the icing on the cake," says CANS President Duncan Williams. "It is always great to be recognized for your achievements, especially on the national stage."

"On behalf of CANS, we'd like to extend huge thank you to all of those who have had a hand in making this happen and to our membership for their support and commitment to the enhancement of the construction industry," says Williams.

More information about the Canadian Construction Association's National Awards Program can be found at <http://cca-acc.com/en/about-cca/awards>.

CANS represents more than 760 large and small companies that build, renovate and restore non-residential buildings, roads, bridges and other engineering projects. We are an industry trade association representing the interests of contractors, suppliers and service providers throughout Atlantic Canada and across the country. Construction is a \$2.8 billion a year industry in Nova Scotia and employs nearly 30,000 men and women from across the province. For more information about the Construction Association of Nova Scotia visit www.cans.ns.ca.

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