

EMPLOYERS OF CHOICE RECOGNIZED AT HOST SASKATCHEWAN



Congratulations to the four tourism businesses that were recognized as *Employers of Choice* at *HOST Saskatchewan - Hospitality, Outfitters & Tourism Conference & Trade Show* on March 15. The four employers recognized include [Radisson Hotel](#), [Days Inn Regina](#), [Gold Eagle Lodge](#), and [Saskatoon Prairieland Park](#).

Pictured here are (L) Patty Schweighardt, General Manager and (R) Joyce Bodnar, Manager of Human Resources from the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon.

The tourism *Employer of Choice* program is the first of its kind in Saskatchewan that recognizes leading businesses where employee actions directly align with business goals, employees feel appreciated and valued for their work and are acknowledged and rewarded for their contributions. In addition, the program provides participating employers with the tools and resources to attract and retain staff, engage in best practices, increase staff training, and improve organizational human resources practices.

“The program’s intent is to raise the bar on human resource management within the tourism sector, making these employers globally attractive,” Darcy Acton, Manager of Industry Human Resource Development at the Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council, said. “Ideally, we hope to see potential employees vying to work for these *Employers of Choice* in our industry, and, eventually, Saskatchewan being recognized as the top place in Canada to work in tourism.”

Joyce Bodnar referred to the Radisson Hotel’s employees as its “greatest asset” and commended the *Employer of Choice* program for recognizing employers who “provide employees with all the tools, training, support, and development to be successful in their jobs and careers.”

Claudia Baptiste, Front Office Manager at the Gold Eagle Lodge in North Battleford, said “earning the *Employer of Choice* designation was important for the company as it proves the efforts that we are doing. It demonstrates our commitment to our associates as they are the heart of the company.”

The Recognition Breakfast at *HOST Saskatchewan* concluded an eight-month pilot project of the *Employer of Choice* program. Those businesses participating in the pilot project that have not yet submitted their audit for review are encouraged to do so and become an [Employer of Choice!](#)

The program will be available to tourism businesses across Saskatchewan from May 1, 2010 to November 30, 2010.