

# Press Release



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### **Progressive Employers Enhance Employment for Persons with Disabilities**

**EmployAbilities recognizes Edmonton businesses for their leadership and commitment to improve employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.**

**Edmonton, October 24, 2012:** EmployAbilities is hosting their first Employers with Vision Awards event where they will recognize members of Edmonton's business community for their leadership and commitment to enhancing the employment of persons with disabilities.

Six local businesses have demonstrated initiative, leadership, and creativity in regards to hiring, training, career development and mentoring in regard to employees with disabilities. By making creative adjustments, overcoming barriers and change negative thinking towards hiring individuals with disabilities these companies have improved the quality of life of persons with disabilities through employment practices.

Budget Car and Truck Rentals will receive the Employer of Persons with Disabilities Award of Distinction. They have served as a role model in the business community and continue to inspire others to support and employ persons with disabilities. Budget currently employs four EmployAbilities clients.

"I think there isn't a lot of understanding about what people with disabilities can do," said Roxy Primeau, Customer Contact Centre Manager for Budget Car and Truck Rentals. "The disabled community is an untapped vein of talent and productivity in Edmonton's workforce."

Details of the Employers with Vision Awards:

**When:** Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Doors open at 7:00AM. Breakfast is at 7:15AM. Program starts at 7:30AM

**Where:** Chateau Louis, 11727 Kingsway Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB

**Participants:** Budget Car & Truck Rentals – Employer of Persons with Disabilities Award of Distinction. Moores Clothing for Men – Employer Initiative Award of Distinction, ATS Solutions Edmonton – Accessibility Award of Distinction, B.G.E Service & Supply – Diversity Leadership Award of Distinction, Delaware North Sports Services – Employer of Youth Award of Distinction, Victor Michael Florists – Small Business Award of Distinction.

This event is invite only and is not open to the public

EmployAbilities is a community-based non-profit organization that has served Edmonton and area since 1974. Their mission is to help build strong futures through training and job development for people with disabilities, to break down barriers to employment, to educate employers of the benefits of hiring an individual with disabilities, and to be a voice of community advocacy.

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