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Provision Coalition's Online Sustainability Portal Earns Top Project of the Year Award From Environmental Leader

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Guelph, Ontario — Provision Coalition's Online Sustainability Portal, a one-stop resource for food and beverage manufacturers looking to improve their sustainability performance, is the proud recipient of a **Top Project of the Year Award** in the 2015 Environmental Leader Product & Project Awards.



"We continue to focus our efforts on enhancing the portal's tools and resources to create real business value for the food and beverage manufacturing industry," says Cher Mereweather, Executive Director of Provision. "Our goal is to deliver the very best online resource for our members and all food and beverage manufacturers looking to integrate sustainability into their operations and culture. This award tells us our hard work is paying off."

The award judges considered the Online Sustainability Portal to be an exemplary project. "It is not often you come across a free service for a specific industry with the great tools and resources

Provision Coalition offers the Food and Beverage Industry," noted one judge. "Every F&B manufacturer should be aware of this and leverage it to save money and become better stewards of our environment and stakeholders' money."

Provision's Online Sustainability Portal at www.provisioncoalition.com offers innovative, web-based sustainability tools and resources to help food and beverage manufacturers integrate, assess, monitor and improve their sustainability performance. Making use of the portal, manufacturers can benefit from lower production costs, a reduced environmental impact, improved employee morale and a thriving bottom line. All food and beverage manufacturers can register and use the portal at no charge.

The Environmental Leader Product & Project Awards is a program recognizing excellence in products and services that provide companies with energy and environmental benefits, or in projects implemented by companies that improved environmental or energy management and increased the bottom line.

Scores were determined by a panel of independent judges headed by Paul Leavoy of LNS Research and also including judges from AECOM Technology Corp., Anheuser Busch InBev, Bayer MaterialScience, ConAgra Foods, ConEd Solutions, Environmental & Operational Risk Management, GlaxoSmithKline, Owens Corning, RegScan, Salazar Packaging, Trupoint Advisers, the University of California Berkeley, Verdantix, Williams Creek Consulting, and YES Bank.

With rapid advancements and a continuous rate of change in the field, energy and sustainability professionals have a notoriously difficult time knowing what products to choose to help their companies increase energy, environmental, and sustainability performance. The Environmental Leader Product & Project Awards give companies a solid base of products, vetted by experts, from which to choose, as well as a variety of successful projects to illustrate how sustainability and energy management is helping companies improve.

"We had more entries than ever this year, and competition was tough. The winners showed innovation and the ability to help transform the fields of energy and sustainability management," says Paul Nastu, publisher of Environmental Leader. "Entries that were awarded Top Product or Project of the Year are those that should be carefully considered by companies seeking to improve operations and boost the bottom line."

[**View the complete list of winners**](#)

About Provision Coalition

Provision is a coalition of 11¹ member associations representing the sustainability

¹ The eleven member associations include: Baking Association of Canada, Canadian Beverage Association, Canadian National Millers Association, Canadian Oilseed Processors Association, Food and Beverage Ontario, Ontario Agri Business Association, Ontario Craft Brewers, Ontario Dairy Council, Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Processors Association, Ontario Independent Meat Processors and the Wine Council of Ontario.

interests of food and beverage manufacturing and input supply sectors across Canada. Providing valuable resources, programming and advocacy, Provision is the industry's leading voice on sustainability. Provision utilizes science, economics and the expertise of its members to ensure the competitiveness and long-term prosperity of the industry. Founded in 2010 under the federal-provincial-territorial initiative *Growing Forward*, Provision helps its member companies enjoy the economic, environmental and social benefits that come with operating in a sustainable manner.

Investment in this project has been provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP). In Ontario, this program was delivered by the Agricultural Adaptation Council.



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About the Environmental Leader Product & Project Awards

In its second year, the Environmental Leader Product & Project Awards recognize excellence in products and services that provide companies with energy and environmental benefits, or in corporate projects that improved environmental or energy management and increased the bottom line. It is a five-point rating system designed to offer companies feedback and recognition. Third-party judges came from the following companies: AECOM Technology Corp., Anheuser Busch InBev, Bayer MaterialScience, ConAgra Foods, ConEd Solutions, Environmental & Operational Risk Management, GlaxoSmithKline, LNS Research, Owens Corning, RegScan, Salazar Packaging, Trupoint Advisers, the University of California Berkeley, Verdantix, Williams Creek Consulting,

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