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Four Manitobans up for Mannings

FOUR Manitobans are in the running for this year's Manning Innovation Awards:

- Dr. Gurpreet Magnat and Dr. John Docherty of Novadaq Technologies Inc.;
- Ronald Lamoureux of Whirlwind Media Group;
- Jeff Golfman of Prairie Pulp & Paper Inc.

The awards recognize and encourage innovation in Canada with a top prize of \$100,000 and secondary prizes of \$25,000 and \$10,000. They have been issued since 1982.

This year's Manitoba nominees are among a group of 45 from seven provinces.

The nominees must have demonstrated a recent innovative talent in developing and successfully marketing a new concept, process or procedure.

Last year, Kerry Green and Geoffrey Gyles of Wolf Trax DDP Micronutrients of Winnipeg won the \$10,000 innovation award.

This year's winners are to be announced at a gala dinner in Calgary, Oct. 16, 2013.

Pollard to keep gamblers scratching

POLLARD Banknote Ltd. has signed a new five-year contract with the Western Canada Lottery Corp. for the production of instant lottery tickets.

The deal, which includes an option to renew for up to five years, is estimated to be worth \$75 million, including the extensions.

Pollard Banknote, which has been a long-standing partner of the Western Canada Lottery Corp., first began printing instant lottery tickets in 1985.

The company has two manufacturing plants in Winnipeg and an additional plant in Barrhead, Alta., for the finishing and pouching of instant tickets.

Western Canada Lottery Corp. operates lottery and gaming-related activities for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

The Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut are associate members.

Temple acquires another hotel

WINNIPEG-based Temple Hotels Inc. has agreed to acquire the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites in Sherwood Park, Alta., a suburb of Edmonton, for \$15.15 million.

The four-storey hotel, which opened in 2004, is located close to Sherwood Park's Millennium Place, a major recreation centre hosting numerous sporting events during the year.

Temple is a real estate investment company that owns about 22 hotel properties with over 3,000 rooms. Temple Hotels Inc. is the largest hotel owner in Fort McMurray, Alta., with a portfolio of over 800 rooms in seven properties.

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