



Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Call for Nominations for *Prix Ronald-Duhamel – Ronald Duhamel Award*

Members of the general public and employees of a governmental or quasi-governmental body at the federal, provincial or municipal level are invited to submit nominations for the *Prix Ronald-Duhamel – Ronald Duhamel Award*, which will be presented in March 2011 as part of the *Rendez-vous de la Francophonie*.

A joint initiative of the Société franco-manitobaine, the Manitoba Federal Council, the Manitoba Francophone Affairs Secretariat, and the Manitoba Association of Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM), the *Prix Ronald-Duhamel – Ronald Duhamel Award* was created to recognize an employee or a group of employees of a governmental or quasi-governmental body at the federal, provincial or municipal level for distinguished service to Manitoba's Francophone community.

The award has been named in honour of Ronald Duhamel and his significant contributions, first as a senior public servant in the Government of Manitoba and then as a federal MP, minister and senator. During his career, Mr. Duhamel did much to promote the cultural, educational, economic and political development of the Franco-Manitoban community. He also supported a number of minority Francophone community initiatives at the national level.

It is to be noted that the individuals or teams nominated will, in the context of their work, have demonstrated excellence and innovation in

- planning and providing French-language services tailored to fit the needs of the Francophone community of Manitoba;
- supporting the development of the Francophone community of Manitoba;
- creating conditions conducive to greater use of French in the workplace.

Please find enclosed a nomination form as well as a fact sheet providing further information on the award and its criteria. **Duly completed nomination forms must be forwarded to the Société franco-manitobaine by January 30, 2011.**

We sincerely hope that many of you will choose to submit nominations.





Prix Ronald-Duhamel – Ronald Duhamel Award

Mr. Ronald Duhamel played a leading role in representing Francophone minority community interests to his colleagues, for the purpose of raising their awareness and ensuring that the necessary influence was exerted to bring about significant change and normalize the communities' relationship with the various levels of government.

Officially launched in March 2005, the ***Prix Ronald-Duhamel – Ronald Duhamel Award*** was created to recognize an employee or a group of employees of a governmental or quasi-governmental body at the federal, provincial or municipal level for distinguished service to Manitoba's Francophone community.

Award Criteria

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- planning and providing French-language services tailored to fit the needs of the Francophone community of Manitoba;
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- creating conditions conducive to greater use of French in the workplace.

Who may be nominated?

Any individual or team of individuals that works or has worked in Manitoba for a governmental or quasi-governmental body which is subject to Canada's *Official Languages Act* or the Government of Manitoba's French Language Services Policy or forms part of a member municipality of the Manitoba Association of Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM). A group of individuals need not work or have worked for the same body in order to be nominated as a team.

Recently-retired employees are eligible to be nominated for accomplishments dating back no more than two years from the nomination deadline.

Who may submit a nomination?

Any member of Manitoba's Francophone community or any individual eligible to be nominated under the criteria set out above.



Selection Committee

The selection committee will be anonymous and comprise four members each representing one of the following entities: the federal government, the provincial government, the Manitoba Association of Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM) and the Société franco-manitobaine.

The deadline for nominations is January 30, 2011.

Award Ceremony

The ***Prix Ronald-Duhamel – Ronald Duhamel Award*** is a biennial award presented by the Société franco-manitobaine, the Manitoba Federal Council, the Manitoba Francophone Affairs Secretariat, and the Manitoba Association of Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM). The next award will be presented in March 2011, as part of the *Rendez-vous de la Francophonie*.

Nomination Forms

- Completed nomination forms are to be submitted to the Société franco-manitobaine.
- The information provided in the nomination form must clearly describe the actions, and the decisions or situations demonstrating that the candidate meets the above-mentioned award criteria. Concrete examples must be provided.
- The nomination forms must be accompanied by two or more letters of support from members of Manitoba's Francophone community or current or previous co-workers of the nominee.



Please forward the duly completed form by **January 30, 2009**, to

Prix Ronald-Duhamel – Ronald Duhamel Award

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**Prix Ronald-Duhamel – Ronald Duhamel Award
Nomination Form**

Name of an employee or a group of employees of a governmental or quasi-governmental body, at the federal, provincial or municipal level, that has provided distinguished service to Manitoba's Francophone community:

Address: _____

_____ Postal code: _____

Telephone (work): _____

E-mail: _____

Name of the person or group submitting the nomination:

Address: _____

_____ Postal code: _____

Telephone: _____ (work) _____ (home)

E-mail: _____



Contribution
Attach additional sheets if necessary

Name or description of project: _____

Date carried out: _____

Number of people involved in carrying out the project: _____

Why should this contribution be recognized? _____

Project Impact

In what way is the nominee's contribution of lasting importance for Manitoba's Francophone community?

In what way did the person or team show innovation and creativity?



Additional Information

Please provide the names of two people able to provide additional information about the nominee's contribution:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

