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# Press Release

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## **PRIX RONALD-DUHAMEL – RONALD DUHAMEL AWARD 2011 EDITION**

**WINNIPEG, MANITOBA March 19, 2010** – Members of Manitoba’s francophone community and employees of governmental or quasi-governmental bodies at the federal, provincial or municipal level are invited to submit nominations for the *Prix Ronald-Duhamel – Ronald Duhamel Award*. **Duly completed nomination forms must be forwarded to the Société franco-manitobaine by January 30, 2011.** The nomination form is available online at [www.prixronaldduhamelaward.mb.ca](http://www.prixronaldduhamelaward.mb.ca). The launch of the Call for Nominations will take place today at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Canadian Centre for Human and Animal Health (Arlington Lab), 1015 Arlington Street, in Winnipeg, Stapon Road, during events to be held as part of *Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie*.

Officially launched in March 2005, the *Prix Ronald-Duhamel – Ronald Duhamel Award* will be presented for the fourth time in March 2011 during 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 in recognition of 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.

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