

Since 2003, this annual contest has been shining the spotlight on **ICT CEOs** in recognition of their exemplary leadership and contributions to the visibility of the Quebec ICT industry.

Do you know a CEO who closed an extraordinary business deal? A CEO who made a significant achievement that was instrumental to his company's evolution? A CEO whose leadership ensured his company's growth?

Nominate him and he could be named the SGF - CEO of the Year.

Eligibility criteria

- The nominee must be (now and during the project) the CEO of a Quebec-based ICT company;
- The project must be completed by December 31, 2009;
- The nominee must be a registered [CEO Vision 2010](#) participant (*N.B.: space being limited, we recommend early registration to comply with this criteria*);
- Completed nomination forms must be received **no later than 10 a.m., Friday, January 15, 2010**.

Format and schedule

- An independent panel comprised of ICT CEOs and representatives of the Quebec Technology Association and SGF will review the nominations.
- The panel will select three finalists to present their project at the « SGF - CEO of the Year » event (they will be given a maximum of (5) five minutes for their presentations).
- All candidates will receive notification of finalist selections in early February.
- The winner will be designated by his peers by way of a secret ballot during the event.

Examples of eligible achievements or projects

- Transactions that impact the company's direction and growth.
- Management challenge.
- Strategic alliance, merger, or acquisition.
- Technological innovation.

Main Judging Criteria

- **The CEO's role and contribution to project completion.**
- The innovative, original, and unusual nature of the achievement that serves to illustrate the CEO's leadership.
- The benefits of the achievement for the company and the visibility of the Quebec industry.
- The importance of the achievement in relation to the challenges, the availability of human and financial resources, as well as the company's current state and size.

Award Visibility

- Press releases announcing the finalists and, subsequently, the winner.
- Ongoing visibility of the winner on the CEO Vision site.
- Presentation in the presence of peers – Thursday, February 18, 2010.
- **New for 2010:** The *Les Affaires* newspaper is the new media partner for this award. The three (3) finalists will be interviewed for a special report in *Les Affaires* that will include links to displays on lesaffaires.com and the CEO Vision Web site. In addition, the winner will be invited to the *Les Affaires* studio for an in-depth interview that will be broadcast on the Internet.

How to submit a nomination?

- Please provide the following information:

1 – Nominee contact information (CEO and company)

Complete the form on the next page and attach it to your nomination package.

2 – Nomination package

Answer the six (6) questions on the next page. Formatting is left to the discretion of the candidates; **however, your package must not exceed 8 pages**. Pictures, graphics, and/or documents may be appended. Please note that all information required to understand your achievement must be included in the nomination package; consideration of your nomination will be based solely on this information.

Weighting

Nominations will be evaluated on the following criteria:

| Criteria | Weighting |
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| Role and involvement of the CEO | 30% |
| Innovative nature of the achievement | 20% |
| Benefits for the company and the visibility of the Quebec ICT industry | 25% |
| Challenges met | 25% |

Submitting the nomination

- Please send your nomination package to the address below by mail, fax, or email no later than **10 a.m., January 15, 2010**:

Quebec Technology Association
C/O SGF – CEO of the Year Award
407 Saint-Laurent Boulevard, Suite 600
Montréal, Quebec, H2Y 2Y5
Email: info@ceovisionpdg.org
Fax: 514-874-1568

An acknowledgment will be emailed to you upon receipt of your nomination package.

Information

Sylvie Castonguay
Quebec Technology Association
514-874-2667, extension 103
scastonguay@aqt.ca

Nominee contact information (CEO and company)

Please place this page at the beginning of your nomination package.

For a Word version of this page, contact Sylvie Castonguay at scastonquay@agt.ca.

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| Name: | |
| Title: | |
| Company: | Year established: |
| Email: | Telephone: |

Company profile (this information will remain confidential and will be destroyed after the contest)

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 (proj.) |
|-----------------------------|------|------|--------------|
| Company growth/Sales growth | | | |
| Growth in personnel | | | |

Nominator (contact information for the person completing this form if different from above)

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| Name: | |
| Title: | |
| Company: | |
| Email: | Telephone: |

CEO's media commitment

Les Affaires will publish profiles of the three (3) finalists in a special report on February 28, 2010. The finalists and the winner agree to refrain from granting interviews related to their nomination to any other media outlet prior to this date.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Essay Questions

On a separate page or document, please provide the information requested below (maximum of 8 pages excluding this page and attachments):

- 1 – Biographical information on the CEO and company overview
- 2 – Detailed description of the achievement or project
- 3 – Role and involvement of the CEO
- 4 – Description of the innovative nature of the achievement (either in terms of technology or management)
- 5 – Benefits for the company and the visibility of the Quebec ICT industry
- 6 – Challenges met