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KELOWNA, BC – The recipients of the seven 2010 Business Excellence Awards were announced October 20, 2010 at the Coast Capri Hotel as the 18 finalists, their guests and community leaders celebrated 23 years of business excellence in Kelowna.

Bruce Hamilton, Owner, President, General Manager and Governor of **Kelowna Rockets Hockey Enterprises Ltd**, was honoured as the 2010 Business Leader of the Year, the prestigious award sponsored by UBC Okanagan. Prosper Media Group Inc. (**Craig Brown**) was the recipient of the 2010 Rising Star award sponsored by **FortisBC**. This award is for companies that have been in business less than three years.

- **Small Business Award (1 - 10 employees)** sponsored by TD Canada Trust
Recipient: Print Three (Alexandra Krieger)
Finalists: Roy's Shoes, Boots and Repair, Speedpro Signs Kelowna
- **Mid-Size Business Award (11 - 30 employees)** sponsored by BDO Canada LLP
Recipient: ASDAC C.N.C. Machining Ltd. (Garth Green)
Finalists: Artistech Newmedia Inc., Lakeview Market
- **Large Business Award (31+ employees)** sponsored by MacKay LLP
Recipient: Grant Thornton LLP (Jim Grant)
Finalists: Arthon Construction, Disney Online Studios Canada – Club Penguin
- **Community Impact Award** sponsored by Urban Systems
Recipient: The John Howard Society of the Central & South Okanagan (Shelley Cook)
Finalists: Central Okanagan Emergency Shelter Society, Okanagan Wine Festivals Society
- **Young Entrepreneur of the Year (individual under 34 years of age)** sponsored by Prospera Credit Union
Recipient: Aaron Young, Strategic Aviation Services Ltd.
Finalist: Mathew Dober, Business Law Group