

## 2010 Innovation Award Winner



The PCL family of companies is pleased to announce the 2010 Innovation Award winners. These individuals serve as great examples of the people in our organization who are finding creative ways to work safer, faster, and more efficiently, every day. In the words of Paul Douglas, president and CEO: "I congratulate this year's winners, and all contributors to the QUEST bulletin program, for continuing to find innovative ways to perform work and to improve our ability to compete. Thank you for sharing your ideas with others at PCL; innovation is what helps us to rise above challenges and achieve success as an organization."

The award committee consisted of Rob Holmberg, Nadine Harder, Mike Wieninger, Warren Tutton and Sean Lockyer. The considerations used to select the award winners included online votes, inventiveness, improvements to safety and quality, added value, universality of use, simplicity, and savings of time or money.

### **Here are the winners:**

#### **Edge Protection by Safety in a Second**

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Fall hazards are a recurring theme on nearly every PCL project, and protecting our employees can take many forms. Traditional wooden handrail, although a common "fall restraint" system, is typically not designed for the much larger forces that occur with a "fall arrest" system. Edmonton Buildings' personnel worked with the manufacturer to refine the design of this fencing system to combine both capabilities in the required form, thus allowing the district to provide fall protection that will accommodate the bulk of its commercial projects on a continuing basis. The system also removes a significant waste item (2 x 4s and plywood) from projects, adding to the future profitability of the district.

#### **Background on the PCL Innovation Awards**

In today's competitive business environment, change is constant, and the most successful companies stay ahead of their competition by creating and supporting cultures that embrace innovation. Within the PCL family of companies, innovation takes place every day—on jobsites, in field offices, and inside district and corporate offices. Innovation takes many forms, ranging from subtle refinements that speed up or make an activity safer to radical new approaches for performing major activities.

The Corporate Services Executive Committee established the annual PCL Innovation Awards in 2005 to recognize and celebrate innovation within our organization, drawing primarily from QUEST bulletins as candidate initiatives.

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