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## **2017 Technology Impact Award Finalists Announced**

*Celebrating the Achievements of BC's Tech Industry*

VANCOUVER, BC, May 4, 2017 – The BC Tech Association (BC Tech) today announced the finalists for the 2017 Technology Impact Awards (TIAs). This will be the TIAs 24<sup>th</sup> year of celebrating the best of BC's tech industry.

As the longest running and largest technology awards program in the province, the awards honour companies in ten categories, recognizing outstanding technology, companies, and individuals. This year, the finalists represent a multitude of sectors, including software, financial technology (fintech) and cleantech, as well as the cutting edge field of health and medical technology.

"This has been an outstanding year for our industry and our 2017 TIAs finalists are a reflection of the incredible calibre and diversity of tech companies in BC," said Bill Tam, BC Tech President and CEO. "These companies are a clear demonstration of the strength of the tech sector and the incredible innovation that is taking place across the province."

**The 2017 Technology Impact Award Finalists are:**

### ***Adoption of Technology***

- **Copperleaf Technologies Inc.** ([www.copperleaf.com](http://www.copperleaf.com)) and **Government of BC** ([www.gov.bc.ca](http://www.gov.bc.ca))
- **Corvus Energy** ([corvusenergy.com](http://corvusenergy.com)) and **Seaspan Ferries Corporation** ([www.seaspan.com](http://www.seaspan.com))
- **MediaValet Inc.** ([www.mediavalet.com](http://www.mediavalet.com)) and **Canadian Blood Services** ([blood.ca](http://blood.ca))

### ***Most Promising Pre-Commercial Technology***

- **ARTMS Products Inc.** ([www.artmsproductsinc.com](http://www.artmsproductsinc.com))
- **Akimbo Creations** ([akimbocreations.com](http://akimbocreations.com))
- **Minesense Technologies Ltd.** ([www.minesense.com](http://www.minesense.com))

### ***Excellence in Product Innovation***

- **Corvus Energy** ([www.corvusenergy.com](http://www.corvusenergy.com))
- **MediaValet Inc.** ([www.mediavalet.com](http://www.mediavalet.com))
- **Schneider Electric** ([www.schneider-electric.ca](http://www.schneider-electric.ca))

### ***Community Engagement***

- **Allocadia Software Inc.** ([www.allocadia.com](http://www.allocadia.com))
- **Appnovation** ([www.appnovation.com](http://www.appnovation.com))
- **Traction on Demand** ([tractionondemand.com](http://tractionondemand.com))