

6TH ANNUAL BUILDING DIVERSITY AWARDS

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MAY 20-21, 2026

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The Toronto Community Benefits Network (TCBN) proudly present the Canadian Building Diversity Awards.

This year, we're doubling our impact by building awareness for community benefits standards and best practices nationally to foster innovation in the construction industry and growth and economic inclusion within diverse communities across Canada.

Rosemarie Powell

Toronto Community Benefits Network Executive Director





TCBN's annual Canadian Building Diversity Awards recognizes excellence in diversity, equity, inclusion, and reconciliation within the construction industry.

With a network encompassing over 120 member organizations and unions, TCBN's reach extends throughout North America and engages over 30,000 supporters across Canada. BDA serves as a fundraiser for initiatives like NexGen Builders, which enables TCBN to create thousands of jobs in construction, fostering community growth and empowerment.

Some of Our Industry Partners & Sponsors

































































Award Categories

Celebrate excellence, leadership, and impact. This year's Building Diversity Awards highlight four categories honouring those who break barriers, champion inclusion, and drive meaningful change in our industry.



Leading on Diversity

Awarding entities ensuring underrepresented groups access good jobs and economic opportunities in construction. Categories include Community, Labour and Industry



Community Benefits

Honoring individuals and projects advancing community benefits in construction, positively impacting equity deserving groups. Categories include Coalition, Projects, and Champion.



NexGen Builders

Honors individuals and employers in construction for mentorship and supporting diverse workers. Categories include Mentee, Mentor, and Employer.



Diverse Contractor to Watch

Presented by the Afro Canadian Contractors Association, this award recognizes emerging minority-owned contractors excelling in the sector.

Speaker Hall of Fame

Canadian Building Diversity Awards welcomes the pinnacle of industry leaders, visionaries, and catalysts, whose trailblazing insights propel us towards a more sustainable and equitable future.



Sebastian Clovis Host Gut Job (HGTV)

Marilyn Horrick

Senior Vice President

Deryl McKissack

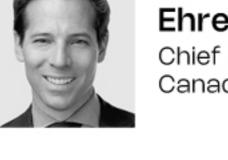
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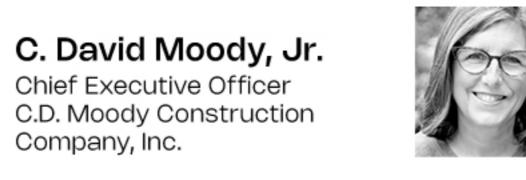


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Ahmed Hussen Minister of Families, Children and Social Development of Canada







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Heather McDonald President & CEO United Way Greater Toronto



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Deborah Ale Flint President & CEO Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA)



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Geoffrey Smith Chief Executive Officer EllisDon Corporation



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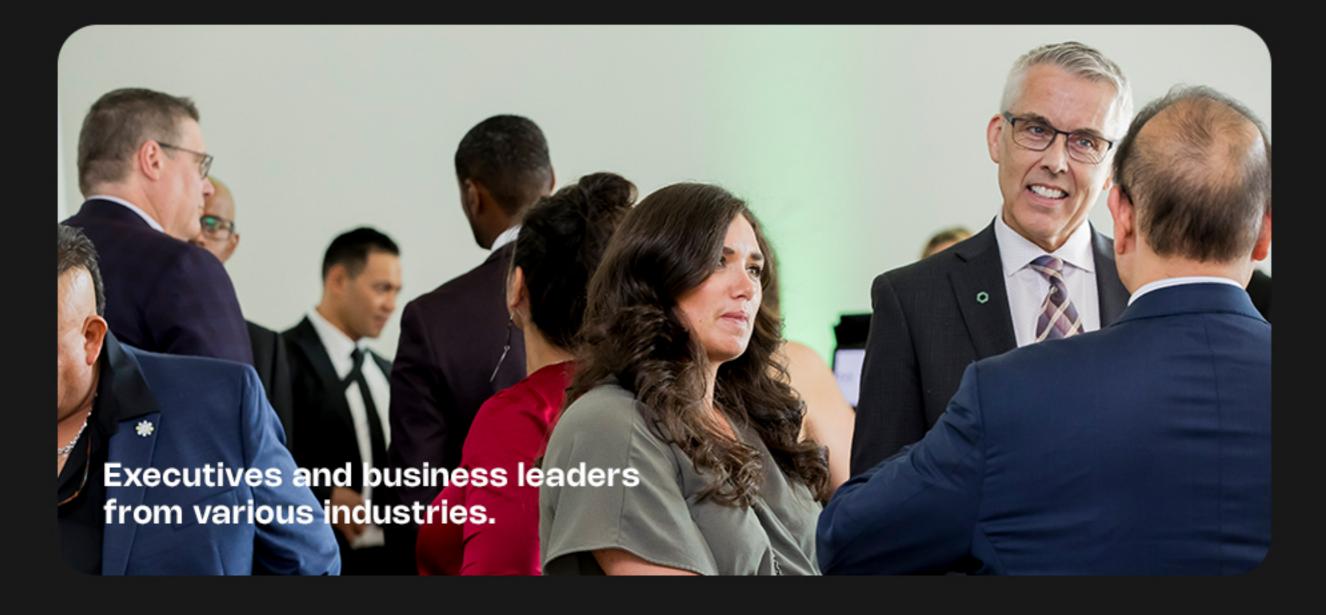


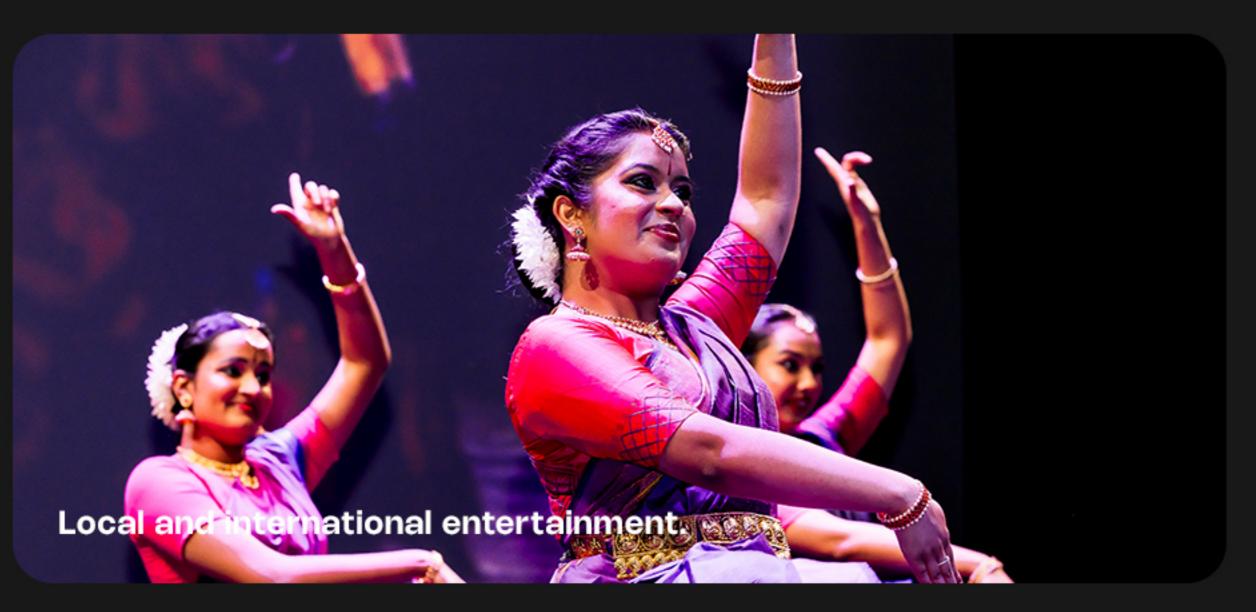
Damar Walker Airbus A320 Captain Air Canada

Opportunity of Ontario













Conceptual Social Media Post

Stand Among Leaders Shaping the Future of Construction on a National Stage.

We invite you to participate in the 2026 Building Diversity Awards, a prestigious event celebrating leadership, innovation, and diversity in construction. Your involvement will position your brand alongside international leaders and policymakers, showcasing your leadership and commitment to progress and inclusion.

As a speaker, panelist, or award presenter, you'll have the unique opportunity to engage with policymakers, industry executives, and innovators shaping the future. We would be delighted to discuss how you can be part of meaningful conversations that will resonate across Canada and beyond.

PARTNERSHIP IDEAS

Panel Discussion Participants

Special Networking Sessions

Interactive Q&A or Fireside Chat

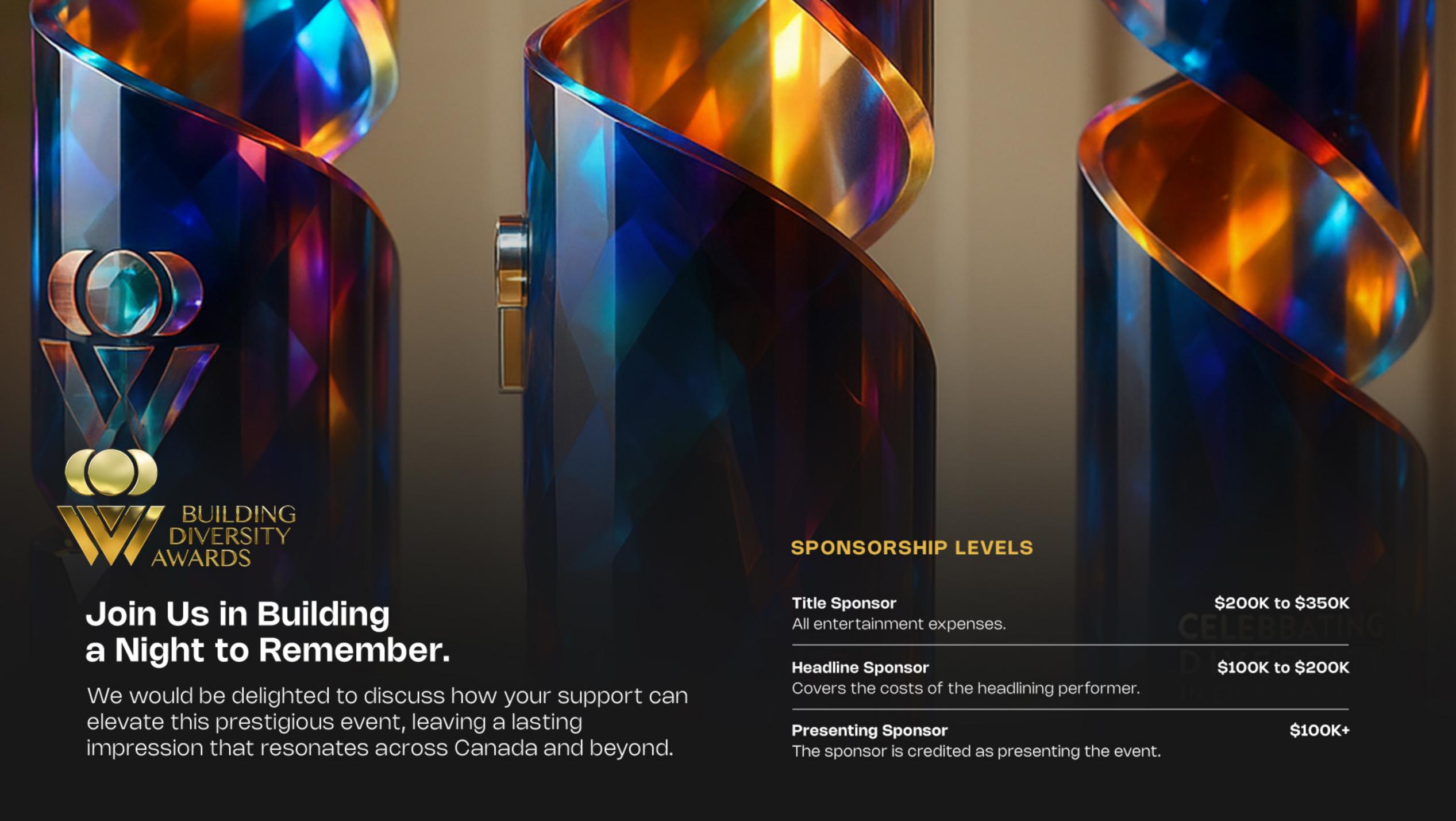
Workshops or Masterclasses

Spotlight on Innovation

Showcase Your Projects Award Presenters or Hosts

Mentorship Opportunities

Messaging & Content Partner



Sponsorship Opportunities

We collaborate closely with our sponsors to craft tailor-made experiences highlighting their commitment to building a sustainable future. All proceeds from the Building Diversity Awards support the **NexGen Builders program.**

Presenting Sponsor	\$100,000+	Media Sponsor	\$15,000
Platinum Sponsor	\$50,000+	Networking Sponsor	\$10,000
Culture and Entertainment Sponsor	\$45,000	Activation Sponsor	\$7,500
Diamond Sponsor	\$35,000	Drink Sponsor	\$7,500
Gold Sponsor	\$25,000	Support Sponsor	\$5,000
Awards Sponsor	\$15,000		

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- Platinum Sponsor
- Culture & Entertainment
- Diamond Sponsor
- Gold Sponsor
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These details reflect our high level sponsorship opportunities. Additional opportunities to collaborate with influencers and create bespoke activations are available.

Presentations & Introductions

- Award Presenter
- Speaker Introduction
- Entertainment Introduction

Audio / Visual

- Video Presentations
- Logo Rotation
 - **()))** Lower Thirds
 -)))) Introduction Screens

Attendance & Seating

- VIP/ Sponsors Lounge
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Multi-Event Branding

- Build Green Symposium
- Community Benefits Summit
- DEI Education Series

Advertising

Digital Advertising

BDA Website

Vendor Market Place

- Physical Branded Space
- Direct Access to Attendees
- Brand Exposure Before, During & After the Event

Brand Exposure

- Media Coverage
- Social Media Content
- Email Newsletter (20K+ Subscribers)

Print & Decor

- Step-n-Repeat
 - Main Stage Videos & Commercials
- Program Booklet
 - Program Booklet | Full Page Ad
 - Program Booklet | Half Page Ad
 - Program Booklet | Quarter Page Ad
 - Program Booklet | 3 Quarter Page Ad
 - General Signage & Packaging
 - Badges & Landyards

EARLY BIRD TICKET SALES ENDS JANUARY 31, 2026

Secure your tickets now and be part of Canada's premier celebration of equity, inclusion, and leadership in construction.

YOUTH COMMUNITY **BENEFITS SUMMIT** MAY 20, 2026

Join us for an inspiring gathering where young leaders explore pathways to careers, community impact, and inclusive economic opportunities.

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Submit your nomination today and help honour those shaping a more inclusive industry.

AWARDS GALA MAY 21, 2026

Celebrate leadership and excellence in diversity, equity, inclusion,the Enjoy drinks, followed by a three course meal complete with an unprecedented experience.





Building a sustainable future through education, mentorship, and change.

TCBN's programs and services build the skills and capacity of apprentices and construction companies, empowering them to create a stronger, more inclusive industry and drive economic growth.

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