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Young Entrepreneur of the Year

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Kevin Simoes

Streamline Design Ltd. & Streamline Enterprises Ltd.

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"The competition is extremely tough, so it's extremely rewarding to be recognized in front of your peers," said Simoes.

The 28-year-old started his first company Streamline Design, which specializes in sustainable log home, post and beam, and timber-frame design, four years ago.

Streamline Design works both locally and globally, and recently completed projects in countries as diverse as Russia, Germany, Switzerland and The Bahamas.

Simoes attributes his success' as an entrepreneur in part to simple hard work and to a commitment to a exceptional level of service.

However, no amount of work will maintain a business or product that is not in demand.

Simoes' clients are varied but what they all have in common, is their desire for, a sustainable lifestyle.

His interest in eco-friendly design may have stemmed from 'his clients needs, but it has since developed into a personal, passion, he said.

The young designer has just become an accredited professional in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED AP) as part of his commitment to sustainable architecture and 'construction.

What's' more, in the Summer of' 2007, Simoes launched a second company called Streamline Enterprises which specializes in green building products.

The company is designed to act as a consolidated source for all its clients green building needs.

Streamline Enterprises is the dealer for 16 eco-friendly products, such as natural cotton fiber insulation, recycled glass and porcelain tiles and sustainable flooring option of reclaimed wood, cork or bamboo.

At the beginning of the year Simoes purchased a showroom in downtown Abbotsford on Montrose Avenue to provide a central location to his clients and make going green easy economical and exquisite:

"It was a big step to purchase a storefront location," he said. "I'm very proud of it."

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Nico Hurin (left) representing the three Rotary Clubs of Abbotsford, presents the Eric Vanderham Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award to Kevin Simoes of Streamline Designs Ltd.

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Other Nominees included:

Amanda Drozdowich, Nu Body Toning Centre
A business with a passion for helping people achieve their weight-loss goals.

Amelia Kennedy-Maki, Crosspoint Communications
A full-service communication firm, offering services in public relations management, event planning, communications, web development and design.

Braden Douglas, Relevation Marketing Solutions
A full-service marketing firm that provides cutting-edge strategy, design and project management for growing

David J. Gilding, Random Assembly Guy Services
Skillfully assembling clients products on site with integrity at reasonable rates.

Joe Varing, Re/Max Little Oak Realty
Professional real estate services under the belief that a client's success is his success.

Justin Fellner, Fellner Enterprises
Offering complete tiling services and a commitment to customer service.

Ross Webb, Infinite Road Marking Ltd. & Crown Property and Lawn Maintenance
Successfully operating and consistently growing two business ventures.

Seth Fruson, Crusade Security Inc.
Providing safety & security for home and business.