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## Winners Announced in Awards for Canadian Geospatial Innovation

CALGARY, AB (June 8, 2018) – NORTH51 Connect, hosted by TECTERRA, celebrated Canada's best and brightest in geospatial to a sold-out crowd at Murrieta's Bar & Grill on Thursday, June 7th.

To celebrate and showcase outstanding achievements of the Canadian geospatial community, TECTERRA presented awards in categories including StartUp of the Year, Most Disruptive Technology, Mastering New Markets, Product of the Year, and Company of the Year; among others for influencers, women of impact and student leadership. Six companies were also inducted into TECTERRA's Hall of Fame for successful completion of their engagement with TECTERRA and achieving excellence in technology development and commercialization.

"We have the unique privilege to see innovative technologies in their infancy," says Jonathan Neufeld, CEO of TECTERRA, and host of NORTH51 Connect. "Through this celebration we want to create a window into the transformative global change which is being driven by the Canadian geospatial industry."

The spotlight was on innovative technologies which are changing the landscape of everything from traffic optimization to weather monitoring, agriculture, and construction. Nominees represented a diverse cross-section of industries with multiple companies using IoT, Smart Cities, and Drones to advance the tech sector.

The 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees include:

**3vGeomatics, Blackline Safety, C4i Training & Technology, DMTI Spatial, Drivewyze, and Miovision.**

The 2018 Award winners and honourees are:

### **2018 Mastering New Markets Award – Cenozon**

Honourees: Blackline Safety and Campbell Scientific Canada

### **2018 Product of the Year – Blackline Safety**

Honourees: SensorUp, Skymatics and Veerum

### **2018 Student Leadership in Geospatial – Morgan Moe**

Honourees: Jackie C.K. Chow and Justin Collett

### **2018 StartUp of the Year – SensorUp**



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Honourees: Hummingbird Network and TransRail Innovation Group

**2018 Woman of Impact – Dr. Nikoo Sabzevar**

Honourees: Lori Pecorilli, Meghan Dear, and Verda Kocabas

**2018 Most Disruptive Technology – Veerum**

Honourees: Campbell Scientific Canada, SensorUp, and Stream Technologies

**2018 Influencer of the Year – Dr. Lynn Moorman**

Honourees: Jonathan Murphy and Steve Liang

**2018 Company of the Year – Esri Canada**

Honourees: Miovision and PCI Geomatics

For information and details about NORTH51 Connect and the award winners, visit

<http://www.n51connect.ca/>

Entries for the 2019 edition of the awards will open in March 2019

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**Notes to Editors:**

NORTH51 Connect is an open event in Calgary to celebrate and showcase outstanding achievements in the Canadian geospatial community. The event was hosted on the evening of June 7<sup>th</sup> in the beautiful courtyard of Murrieta's Bar & Grill for an evening of celebration and networking with the industry's best and brightest.

TECTERRA is a geospatial technology innovation support centre that supports the Canadian development and commercialization of geomatics technologies. The first centre of its kind, TECTERRA works with industry, entrepreneurs, researchers, and government affiliates to enable the use of geospatial technologies in addressing local, national and global challenges. Since its inception in 2009, TECTERRA has supported 234 companies, including 91 startups;



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and has placed over 380 highly qualified professionals into jobs across Canada. Overall, the organization has generated \$265 million in actual economic impact to date with over \$450 million in impact forecast from those same investments.