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TECTERRA congratulates portfolio company, Micro Engineering Tech Inc. and Dr. Arturo Sanchez-Azofeifa, lead investigator of one of TECTERRA's research projects, for awards won at 2015 ASTech Awards

Calgary, Alberta (November 9, 2015) – TECTERRA Inc. is proud to announce that Micro Engineering Tech Inc. (METI), one of its portfolio companies, and Dr. Arturo Sanchez-Azofeifa, lead investigator of one of TECTERRA's applied research projects at the University of Alberta, were award recipients at the 2015 ASTech Awards gala on Friday, November 6.

METI was the recipient of the 2015 Applied Technology Award and Dr. Sanchez-Azofeifa was the recipient of the 2015 Environment Award.

"We are very proud of the innovative work done by our portfolio companies and lead researchers of projects we have funded," says Dr. Mohamed Abousalem, Chief Executive Officer, TECTERRA Inc. "In particular, we would like to extend our congratulations to Micro Engineering Tech Inc. and Dr. Sanchez-Azofeifa for their well-deserved awards at this year's gala."

METI is a Calgary-based company that developed a 3D system to tackle structural health monitoring by tracking small changes in the integrity of infrastructure. Their work focuses on large downtown construction projects with deep excavation and heavy construction activities, along with light rail transit (LRT) track monitoring. As a contractor for the City of Calgary, METI's team provides Calgary Transit with information to prevent the LRT system from damages during long construction projects, because every time a rumble occurs beneath the surface, the chance of lasting damage increases. By monitoring infrastructure from damages by movements below ground, METI's work ensures public safety in and around construction zones – which should always be top of mind – especially in highly dense areas like downtown Calgary. Their technology helps to prevent potential disasters from happening by providing early warning and alerts to stakeholders, and ultimately protecting lives, money, and time.

Enviro-Net is a web-based platform that was developed and led by internationally recognized researcher, Dr. Arturo Sanchez-Azofeifa. This platform gathers data directly from a network of ground-based sensors to learn more about the environment in real time, bridging the gap between environmental science needs and information technology tools. It also provides a solution for professionals across a wide range of industries with access to environmental information they need to complete their work. What began as a small project in the University of Alberta has turned global and Enviro-Net is now being used in Australia, Brazil, Columbia, Costa Rica, England, Germany, Mexico, and Panama. This platform is a game changer through its accuracy and ability to receive data in real time from a network of ground-based sensors, making it possible to solve universal problems, such as drought.

Since 1989, the ASTech Foundation has awarded more than 500 individuals, organizations and teams that have contributed significantly to the success of science and technology in Alberta.

ABOUT TECTERRA
TECTERRA Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that supports the development and commercialization of geospatial technologies for integrated resource management in Alberta and Canada. With current funding from the Province of Alberta, TECTERRA invests in technology solutions for energy, forestry, agriculture, environment, and land management in addition to development applications. The first centre of its kind, TECTERRA works with industry, entrepreneurs, researchers, and government partners to enable the use of geospatial technologies in addressing local, national, and global challenges in resource management. For more information, visit: www.tecterra.com

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