

CLBC was proud to learn, in early March, that four of its employees had been nominated for the 2005/06 Premier's Innovation & Excellence Awards in the category of Innovation.

The Premier's Innovation & Excellence Awards, held this year at Victoria's Convention Centre the evening of March 29, supports the vision of the British Columbia Public Service: *To achieve excellence in public service.*

Rick Mowles, CEO of Community Living BC, was nominated, along with Carol Goozh, Vice President of Quality Service, Richard Hunter, Vice President of Corporate Services, and Paula Grant, Director of Policy for their work on the CLBC Devolution Team.

It's great to have these four members of the senior management team recognized for their hardwork and expertise in making CLBC a reality.

Nomination criteria in the Innovation category recognizes a fundamental shift in the way business is conducted that produces substantial benefits to community.

As the public service's pinnacle employee recognition event, the Premier's Awards:

- Showcase the best examples of innovation and excellence;
- Strengthen pride and identity among employees internally; and
- Help build the external reputation of the public service.

Rick, Carol, Richard and Paula were selected from 66 nominations submitted last autumn. External adjudicators recommended a short-list of 24 nominations to the Judges Panel. The CLBC nominees were recognized for their work in the 'delivery of an integrated project involving 8 government entities that saw the uninterrupted transfer of responsibility for the delivery of services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families from the Ministry of Children and Family Development to the new crown agency, Community Living British Columbia (CLBC).'

The government of BC wants to help acknowledge the public service for its dynamism, innovative management, and the host of best practices that it regularly creates and offers to other organizations.

CLBC's nominees are great examples of that drive and leadership. Their recognition highlights the importance that teamwork plays in our work at CLBC, not just at headquarters, but in every community and every office in the province. Congratulations to the nominees!