

## **Marine Institute Named Finalist for Distinction in Innovation Award**

The Marine Institute was named a top three finalist for the Distinction in Innovation Award, awarded by the Department of Innovation Trade and Rural Development. The announcement was made by the Honourable Trevor Taylor at the 2008 Export and Innovation Awards luncheon, held at the Fairmont on April 18.

The Distinction in Innovation Award recognizes an individual or group that makes an outstanding contribution to advancing the province's innovation culture. The 2008 recipient was C-CORE. Also in the top three nominations was Genesis Group Inc.

"With more than 70 submissions, the response to our request for nominations was impressive. Even more impressive was the quality of nominations that underlined the extent and ingenuity of innovative enterprises and organizations in Newfoundland and Labrador," said Minister Taylor. "The nominations demonstrate the dynamic business community that exists in the province. The Export and Innovation Awards is an important tool in communicating how we value industry and celebrate its significant achievements."

Additionally, the Eastern Edge Robotics team received the Award of Merit for their tremendous accomplishments. This team is comprised of students from the Marine Institute, College of the North Atlantic and Memorial University's Faculty of Engineering faculty.

Congratulations to all involved!