

INVEST IN STC: 2025 OBIAA CONFERENCE TRADESHOW CONTEST RULES

1. **Agreement:** These rules (the “Contest Rules”) govern the “2025 OBIAA Conference Tradeshow Contest (the “Contest”). It is a condition of participating in the Contest that the entrant agrees to be bound by these Contest Rules and the conditions set out herein governing the Contest. The act of entering the Contest constitutes acceptance of the Contest Rules and the decisions of the Contest judges, whose decisions shall be final and binding upon all entrants. No purchase is necessary to enter the Contest.
2. **Administrator:** The Contest Administrator is The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines (the “Administrator”). The Contest is administered, managed, directed, controlled, run, and overseen solely by the Administrator.
3. **Contest Partners:** There are no additional contest partners (collectively the “Contest Partners”).
4. **Eligibility:** The Contest is open to all residents of Canada who have attained the age of nineteen (19) and are registered attendees of the 2025 OBIAA Conference. Eligibility is strictly limited to individuals attending the conference in person. Virtual attendees or non-attendees are not eligible to participate. The following individuals are prohibited from participating in the Contest: employees of the Administrator or Contest Partners, their immediate family members, anyone residing with such employees, and individuals associated with the Administrator's or Contest Partners' corporate affiliates, advertising agencies, or promotional agencies. The issuance of Contest entry to any such individual and the receipt of Contest entry by or on behalf of any such individual is prohibited. Prizes for winning Contest entries presented by or on behalf of such individual will not be awarded, regardless of how or when such Contest entries were acquired. Limit of one entry per person. Incomplete or illegible entries, bulk drop offs, photocopies, scanned copies, facsimiles or other mechanically or electronically reproduced Contest entries will not be accepted and will be disqualified.
5. **Contest:** To enter the Contest, access the Contest form at <https://www.investinstc.ca/site/obiaa-contest>, read these Contest Rules, and follow the instructions to enter during the Contest period (a valid email address will be required). The Contest period begins on March 30, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. ET and ends on April 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. ET. The potential winners will be chosen by random draw, which may be held by any means and at such time and place as the Administrator determines. The random draws will take place on Tuesday April 2nd, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. ET. In the event the random draw cannot be held on the date and time fixed, such draw shall be held when practicable.
6. **Results:** The winner will be announced at the closing lunch of the OBIAA Conference, scheduled from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. ET on Tuesday April 2nd, 2025. If the

initially drawn entrant is not present to claim the prize, additional names will be drawn in succession until an eligible winner in attendance is selected and claims the prize.

7. **Prizes:** There are (2) prize packages available to be won, consisting of:

1st bag: St. Catharines Experience 1x 1 night stay at Holiday Inn & Suites St. Catharines, \$50 Parkway Social Credit, \$50 Ostins Restaurant Credit, \$50 Ludology Boardgame Cafe Gift Card, \$50 Someday Books Giftcard, \$50 Mindbomb Records Giftcard, \$50 Super! Burgers Giftcard, \$50 Downtown St. Catharines Giftcard, \$50 Beauty Bar Giftcard, Assorted St. Catharines Swag (sweater, bag, mugs etc.) Approximate value \$1000.

2nd Bag: Lincoln Experience \$50 Beamsville Bakery Giftcard, \$50 August Restaurant Giftcard, \$50 Bench Brewing Co. Giftcard, \$50 Vineland Estates Giftcard, \$50 Coastal Kitchen Giftcard, Assorted Swag, Bench Brewing Hop Water, Bag, Mugs etc. Approximate value \$250.

8. **Disclaimer:** The winner and their travel partners are responsible for transportation and all other costs and expenses not listed above, including but not limited to gratuities, food, beverages, entertainment, merchandise, souvenirs, local and long-distance telephone calls, medical expenses, taxes, travel and cancellation insurance, travel visas and all personal expenses of any kind are not included and are the sole responsibility of the winner and their travel partners. The winner and their travel partners must have all the necessary identification and documents to permit travel. No responsibility is assumed by the Contest Administrator and/or Contest Partners for cancelled, delayed, suspended, or rescheduled events or travel for any reason whatsoever. Accommodations and excursions are subject to availability. Blackout dates and other conditions and restrictions may apply. Vouchers have no cash value and are not valid with any other offers or promotions. No refunds or cash back. If the winner is unable or unwilling to accept or otherwise redeem the prize on the terms it is awarded, the prize shall be deemed forfeited and no cash or substitutes will be provided in whole or in part. Prizes must be accepted as awarded. They are non-transferable and cannot be converted to cash or substituted, except by the Administrator, at its sole discretion, for a prize of equal or greater value.

9. **Release:** Prior to receiving the prize, the winner must acknowledge compliance with the Contest Rules and consent to the use of their name and photograph, without further notice or compensation, in any publicity carried out by the Administrator and/or its advertising and promotional agencies.

10. **Privacy:** The Administrator and its affiliates use Contest entrants' personal contact information to administer this Contest, including contacting, announcing, and promoting the prize winner. In addition, the Administrator and its affiliates may use this information to send Contest entrants offers or information from the Administrator, its affiliates and from selected sponsors, Contest Partners or advertisers ("Marketing Offers"). If a Contest entrant does not wish to receive Marketing Offers, they may opt-out at any time by following the instructions at the bottom of any email Marketing Offer they receives. They

may also opt-in to receive newsletters, emails and other promotions from the Administrator, its affiliates, and from any of its Contest Partners. If they chooses to opt-in, his or her email address will be shared with the Administrator its affiliates and Contest Partners, as set out herein.

11. **Disqualification:** The Administrator reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who violates or abuses the Contest Rules, submits false information, tampers with the entry process, or acts in a disruptive manner. Automated entries, bulk entries, or entries submitted by third parties will be disqualified.

12. **Other:** Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received. This Contest is governed by the laws of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein and is void where prohibited by law. The Administrator reserves the right to cancel or modify the Contest or the Contest Rules at any time without notice. All prizes must be accepted as awarded, are non-transferable and are not convertible to cash. All prizes are awarded as-is and no warranties or guarantees are implied or expressed or of any kind are given by the Administrator and/or its Contest Partners. The Administrator reserves the right to substitute any prize or portion of the prize with a prize of equal or greater value. The Administrator and Contest Partners are not liable for any lost, late, misdirected or stolen entries or inability to process entries, or any errors, injury, loss, damage or negligence that may arise in connection with this Contest, including technical failures on the part of any website, Contest software, viruses, website disruptions, malfunctions, website down-time, human error or property damage incurred by any Contest entrant. The Administrator and Contest Partners are not responsible for any errors or omissions in printing or advertising this Contest. Use of any automated system including robotic or form filling software to enter or participate in this Contest is prohibited and will result in disqualification of all entries by anyone using such assistance. If a dispute arises regarding who submitted an online entry, the entry will be deemed to be submitted by the authorized account holder of the email address provided at time of entry. An authorized account holder is the natural person who is assigned to an email address by an Internet access provider, online service provider, or other organization responsible for assigning email addresses for the domain associated with the submitted email address.

13. **Applicable law:** The Contest is subject to all applicable federal, provincial, and municipal laws and regulations. The Contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law.

14. **Limitation of Liability:** The Administrator and Contest Partners shall not be responsible or liable for any incorrect or inaccurate information, technical failures, human errors, or any other issues related to or arising from participation in the Contest or in connection with the awarding of prizes.

15. **Indemnification:** By entering the Contest, participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Administrator, Contest Partners, their affiliates, and their respective directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability arising out of or in connection with their participation in the Contest or acceptance, use, or misuse of the prize.

16. **Headings:** The headings in these Rules are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of these Rules.

17. **Currency:** All dollar amounts referenced in connection with the Contest, including but not limited to prize values, are stated in Canadian dollars (CAD) unless otherwise indicated.

18. **Force Majeure:** The Administrator shall not be liable for any failure to conduct the Contest as planned due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to pandemics, natural disasters, war, civil disturbance, strikes, or technical failures.

19. **Dispute Resolution:** Any disputes arising out of or connected with this Contest shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the courts of Ontario. By participating, entrants agree to submit to the jurisdiction of such courts and waive any right to a trial by jury.

20. **Modification:** The Administrator reserves the right to modify, suspend, or terminate the Contest at any time, without prior notice, if it determines, in its sole discretion, that the Contest is not capable of being conducted as intended due to any reason. It is the responsibility of the participants to regularly review the Contest Rules for any changes, as continued participation in the Contest will constitute acceptance of any modifications made.