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## PIONEERS OF PROSPERITY ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF ITS CARIBBEAN AWARDS PROGRAM

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Pioneers of Prosperity is a global awards program that seeks to inspire a new generation of entrepreneurs in emerging economies by identifying, rewarding, and promoting truly outstanding businesses who can serve as role models to their peers.

Pioneers of Prosperity, in conjunction with Beltraide, the Belize Chamber of Commerce, the Belize Tourism Industry Association, BEST, Rotary Clubs of Belize and the Inter-American Development Bank will host a press conference and MOU signing ceremony on February 10, 2009 from 9:00 to 10:00 at the Radisson Fort George to mark the official start of the Award selection process.

In addition to receiving a cash prize ranging from \$5,000 to \$100,000 USD to invest in their company, winners of the Pioneers of Prosperity Award will be connected to networks of technical expertise, potential investors, and other cutting-edge entrepreneurs on the local, regional, and global level.

To mark the event, a representative of the IDB will open the press conference and MoU signing ceremony, followed by a question and answer session with Pioneers of Prosperity representatives. Media and all who are interested in applying for the Pioneers of Prosperity Award are welcome to attend.

Applications for the Pioneers of Prosperity Award must be submitted online and can be found at: <http://pioneersofprosperity.org/Application/Application.html>

The deadline for submission is March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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For additional information on the Pioneers of Prosperity Awards Program, visit: [www.pioneersofprosperity.org](http://www.pioneersofprosperity.org)

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