

# Ian McRae Award of Merit - Mr. Duncan Hawthorne



Duncan Hawthorne, President and CEO, Bruce Power, has emerged as one of the most respected and influential leaders in the Ontario electricity sector. He displayed outstanding ability to articulate a vision, overcome adversity and provide dynamic and innovative leadership that has encouraged the enthusiastic support of the staff and the local communities at a crucial time for the Canadian nuclear industry.

With an honours degree in control engineering and an MBA from Strathclyde University in Glasgow, Duncan Hawthorne has held senior positions in major power engineering companies in the UK and North America.

When Bruce Power's parent company faced severe financial problems, Duncan Hawthorne ensured that Bruce Power would not only survive the crisis with new ownership, but also emerge stronger than before. He became a pivotal figure in a complex, multi-million dollar deal that satisfied the diverse needs of two public companies, two trade unions, a giant pension fund and governments on two continents. Duncan Hawthorne attracted an all-Canadian consortium to replace British Energy in a new-look private/public partnership.

He set and met many ambitious targets to improve the Bruce B station, which played a major role in helping Ontario through a very difficult 2003. Having met the challenge of returning Bruce A Units 3 and 4 to service, Duncan has refocused his team to the business case for restarting Units 1 and 2, refurbishing the four Bruce B units, and determining the feasibility of a new reactor on the site.

## **PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:**

The purpose is to honour an individual for outstanding contributions, other than scientific, to nuclear energy in Canada.