

## EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

## Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd.



*Building on the Strength  
of Technologists and  
Technicians*

Founded in 1990 in Grande Prairie, Alberta, Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd. is a vendor-independent systems integrator that relies heavily on its technologists and technicians to meet client demands and deliver successful project outcomes. As such, it comes as no surprise that two of the three founders of Autopro, CEO Michael Lane, C.E.T., and Vice President of Risk Management, Robert (Bob) Beattie R.E.T., continue to be ASET members.

In the highly technical field of industrial automation, success is achieved by amalgamating high standards of academic excellence, technical experience and ethical, reliable professionalism and accountability – values embraced by ASET.

"We have always provided technologists with the opportunity to utilize all of their skills, and promoted them based upon their merits," states Beattie.

Technologists often lead and manage multidiscipline teams comprised of technologists, professional engineers, technicians, information technology professionals and other professional and support resources.

"It is common for an engineer to seek out a senior technologist as a mentor, and we make no bones about the fact that we consider them to be peers, albeit with different educational backgrounds," says Beattie.

Commitment to quality assurance, environmental stewardship, technical innovation and safety remains a priority for all Autopro employees. As a cornerstone of membership in technical associations, Autopro recognizes the importance of professional development and designations, and pays the professional dues of all its full-time employees.

The company also fosters a corporate culture that harnesses the strengths of its employees, and gives them opportunities to succeed. The organization also is active in the community, often participating in many social initiatives. The result is a high achieving workforce, with a great deal of employee satisfaction – making Autopro a deserving recipient of Employer of the Year.

"I am extremely proud of our staff, for it is a direct result of their dedication and efforts over the years that allowed Autopro to grow into the successful organization that it is today," says Beattie. "From my personal perspective, when I look at the roster of winners from prior years, I am honored to be a part of such an elite group."