



## **NEWS RELEASE – April 21, 2017**

### **Veridian named one of Canada’s greenest employers for eighth consecutive year**

**Ajax, ON** – Veridian Corporation (“Veridian”) is green once again after being named one of Canada’s Greenest Employers for an eighth consecutive year. The announcement was made today by the editors of the *Canada’s Top 100 Employers* project at Mediacorp Canada Inc., an editorial competition that recognizes the employers that lead the nation in creating a culture of environmental awareness.

“Veridian’s commitment to building environmental values into its workplace and investing in renewable generation projects is helping to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves,” said Board Chair Adrian Foster. “We’re constantly seeking out new opportunities to share our expertise we’ve gained through projects and initiatives with like-minded organizations within and beyond our service territories.”

The winning employers are evaluated by the editors of *Canada’s Top 100 Employers* in terms of: (1) the unique environmental initiatives and programs they have developed, (2) the extent to which they have been successful in reducing the organization’s own environmental footprint, (3) the degree to which their employees are involved in these programs and whether they contribute any unique skills, and (4) the extent to which these initiatives have become linked to the employer’s public identity and whether they attract new people to the organization.

“Being recognized as one of Canada’s Greenest Employers eight years in a row is not only a huge honour, but a remarkable achievement as well,” said company President and CEO Michael Angemeer. “Today’s announcement reaffirms Veridian’s status as a leader in creating an environment-friendly workplace, supporting sustainable development and investing in smart grid technologies and electric vehicles. We continue to encourage all the leaders in our company to take actions that have impact on the quality of life in the communities that we serve and beyond.”

The competition’s selection committee cited the following reasons why Veridian was selected as one of Canada’s Greenest Employers for 2017:

- The company’s corporate headquarters in Ajax is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) – Silver certified building. The building’s garage roof houses a solar array, consisting of more than 400 photovoltaic panels

that are generating 160,000 kWh of clean, carbon-free electricity annually – an amount equivalent to that consumed by about 20 typical households.

- Veridian encourages alternative transportation wherever possible, including participation in Smart Commute Durham, and electric vehicle charging stations, bicycle and car-pool parking, and a bike lending program at its corporate headquarters.
- The company offers employees interest-free loans for the purchase of energy-efficient appliances for their homes or for the purchase of an energy-efficient automobile, electric bike or scooter.

Veridian is celebrating Earth Day (April 22) through a weeklong series of events and activities, including community clean-ups, household battery and e-waste collection, smart commute education, and environment-friendly contests and promotions.

The full list of this year's Canada's Greenest Employers, along with the editors' detailed reasons for selection explaining why each of the winning employers was selected, is posted online at: [www.canadastop100.com/environmental/](http://www.canadastop100.com/environmental/).

### **About Veridian Corporation**

*Veridian Corporation owns and operates Veridian Connections, a subsidiary company that distributes electricity, generates power and provides energy services to more than 120,000 residential and business customers. The City of Pickering, the Town of Ajax, the Municipality of Clarington and the City of Belleville jointly own Veridian Corporation. The utility is the fifth largest municipally owned electric utility in Ontario. Veridian has a successful history of effective growth through two mergers and five acquisitions, and now serves nine communities east and north of Toronto more efficiently than any other large non-contiguous utility in Ontario. Veridian has a keen focus on reliability, customer communication and helping to lower customers' electricity bills through the delivery of innovative conservation programs and reasonable rates. Veridian not only contributes to local communities through industry leading financial returns, but also helps build stronger communities through the support of youth, health, economic development, education, the arts, the environment and many charitable organizations. Industry leading employee programs, public safety and a focus on employee engagement has created an environment that has attracted eight consecutive Canada's Greenest Employer awards, one Top GTA Employer award and the EDA Performance Excellence award. Veridian has now diversified into renewable energy, and will be establishing other value added offerings for its customers.*

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