



Michigan Business & Professional Association Announces the Winners of 'Metropolitan Detroit's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For'

WARREN, Mich., Sept. 20 /PRNewswire/ -- The qualities of a well managed company with good benefits and fun amenities is what every experienced professional is on a quest for. The Michigan Business & Professional Association (MBPA) has worked extensively to determine the companies that meet those requirements. The MBPA is sponsoring the fifth annual "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For" symposium and awards gala, which showcases local companies committed to exceptional human resource practices.

The 101 companies will be honored at an "Academy Awards" style awards luncheon on Wednesday, October 12 at the Conference and Events Center in Dearborn, Mich. Murray Feldman from FOX 2 News will serve as the master of ceremonies for the awards gala. This award program was established to recognize the renaissance and economic prosperity of our communities through innovative human resources practices.

An independent research firm evaluates each company's entry based on a number of key measures, such as communication, community initiatives, compensation and benefits, and diversity and multi-culturalism.

Jennifer Kluge, executive vice president of the MBPA said, "The MBPA takes the awards process very seriously and has worked diligently to create a program that is unbiased, collects quantitative data, is rigorously judged and uses statistical analysis in order to achieve an award that is well respected in the HR field and among other associations."

This year's winning companies have proved to be innovative when it comes to demonstrating their commitment to their employees and represent the leading edge in human resources practices in industries as diverse as the automotive, insurance, hospitality, communications and non-profit. (See following list of winners)

The luncheon and award ceremony at 11:30 a.m. will be preceded by a series of interactive educational workshops on human resources practices starting at 8:30 a.m. This year's program will cover Becoming an Employer of Choice, Technology Challenges and Motivating Survivors in the Face of

Downsizing/Rightsizing.

The awards for 2005 "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For" include the following categories: Diversity and Multi-Culturalism, Work-Life Balance, Employee Communication and Recognition, Compensation and Benefits, Employee Education and Development, Recruitment and Retention, Employee Engagement and Commitment, Community Initiatives, Strategic Planning and Integration.

Nominated companies compete for nine elite awards, one granted for each category and the Lisa Wicker Best of the Best award. The 10 winners of these elite awards will be announced during the awards luncheon on October 12.

If you are interested in attending the conference and luncheon, please contact the Michigan Business and Professional Association's events team at 586-393-8800 or visit <http://www.101bestandbrightest.com> . The price for individual registration is \$135 for the symposium and awards lunch for MBPA members; \$165 for non-members. The 101 Best and Brightest event is sponsored by Detroit Free Press, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, DaimlerChrysler and WJBK-FOX 2.

Based in Warren, Mich., the MBPA is the largest business organization of small to medium-sized businesses in Michigan, representing more than 20,000 members who employ over 160,000 persons. Member businesses receive numerous benefits including free legal and financial consultations; discounted technology, automotive and office products; employee training and recruitment assistance; and competitive insurance rates. The MBPA is a sister association to the Michigan Food & Beverage Association (MFBA).

Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For

2005 Winners

ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.	Ann Arbor
Airfoil Public Relations, Inc.	Detroit
ALCOS	Sterling
Heights	
Altair Engineering, Inc.	Troy
American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. (AAM)	Detroit
American Community Mutual Insurance Company	Livonia
ARCADIS	Detroit
Arrow Strategies, LLC	Rochester Hills
ArvinMeritor, Inc.	Troy
ASG Renaissance	Farmington
Hills	

Atwell-Hicks, LLC (Atwell)	Brighton
Barton Malow Company	Southfield
bd's mongolian barbeque	Ferndale
Beaumont Hospitals	Royal Oak
Belle Tire	Royal Oak
Bridgewater Interiors LLC	Detroit
Cambridge Financial Services, Inc.	Troy
Campbell & Co.	Dearborn
City of Sterling Heights	Sterling
Heights	
Clayton & McKerverey, P.C.	Southfield
Clear ! Blue	Birmingham
Cobasys LLC	Orion
Comcast	Southfield
Computer Consultants of America, Inc.	Rochester Hills
Computer Engineering Services, Inc.	Southfield
Compuware Corporation	Detroit
Contract Counsel	Royal Oak
Co-op Services Credit Union	Livonia
CSIG	Milford
Deloitte & Touche USA LLP	Detroit
DeMaria Building Company, Inc.	Detroit
DeMattia Group	Plymouth
Detroit Athletic Club	Detroit
Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau	Detroit
DFCU Financial	Dearborn
Easter Seals - Michigan, Inc.	Waterford
Employees Only	Troy
Enterprise Rent A Car	Farmington
Hills	
Ernst & Young LLP	Detroit
Evangelical Homes of Michigan	Detroit
FANUC Robotics America, Inc.	Rochester Hills
Farbman Group	Southfield
Fifth Third Bank	Southfield
Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc.	Grand Rapids
Flagstar Bank	Troy
Four Seasons Nursing Center	Westland
Freudenberg - NOK General Partnership	Plymouth
Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.	Troy
Garden City Hospital	Garden City
gedas USA, Inc.	Rochester Hills
Gordon Advisors, P.C.	Troy
G-TECH Professional Staffing	Dearborn
Harada Industry of America, Inc.	Novi
HarleyEllis	Southfield
Henry Ford Health System	Detroit
Human Capital LLC	Lathrup Village
Huntington National Bank	Troy
Hyundai - Kia America Technical Center, Inc.	Superior
Township	
IKON Office Solutions	Grand Rapids
Industrial Control Repair	Warren
Inergy Automotive Systems, LLC	Troy
KPMG LLP	Detroit
Marx Layne & Company	Farmington
Hills	

McGraw Wentworth	Troy
Meadowbrook Insurance Group	Southfield
MEEMIC Insurance Company	Auburn Hills
Menlo Innovations LLC	Ann Arbor
MidWest Financial Credit Union	Ann Arbor
Mill Steel Company	Grand Rapids
Motorola Automotive	Farmington
Hills	
Neighborhood Service Organization	Detroit
Nemeth Burwell, P.C.	Detroit
Netarx Inc.	Farmington
Hills	
NTH Consultants, Ltd.	Farmington
Hills	
Oakwood Healthcare, Inc.	Dearborn
Otterbase Technical Services	Livonia
Palace Sports & Entertainment	Auburn Hills
Peoples State Bank	Madison Heights
Plunkett & Cooney, P.C.	Bloomfield
Hills	
Project Control Systems, Inc. (PCSI)	Livonia
REDICO	Southfield
Research Federal Credit Union	Warren
Rock Financial/Quicken Loans	Livonia
Saturn Electronics & Engineering Inc.	Auburn Hills
Schonscheck, Inc.	Wixom
Service Express, Inc.	Farmington
Hills	
Skanska	Southfield
Spring Engineering & Mfg. Corp.	Canton
Strategic Staffing Solutions	Detroit
TAC Automotive Group	Bloomfield
Hills	
The Nailco Group	Farmington
Hills	
The Rains Group, Inc.	Bingham Farms
The Rehmann Group	Lansing
UHY Advisors MI, Inc.	Sterling
Heights	
University of Michigan Health System	Ann Arbor
Valassis	Livonia
Verizon Wireless	Southfield
Volkswagen of America, Inc. (VWoA)	Auburn Hills
Wade-Trim Group, Inc.	Detroit
Walbridge Aldinger	Detroit
WOW! Internet Cable & Phone	Madison Heights

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