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The National Association for Business Resources Will Salute Chicago's Best and Brightest...

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CHICAGO, June 30 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Keeping talented and committed employees is more essential than ever and realizing this goal is an achievement in today's economy. Chicago companies that have done it the best will be recognized by the *National Association for Business Resources* (NABR) at the "Chicago's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For" symposium and awards luncheon on Monday, August 10, 2009 at the Chicago Oak Brook Marriott.

NABR will be honoring winning companies, as well as presenting 11 elite awards, at the annual event. The selection of the this year's winning companies is a result of an independent research firm that evaluates each company's entry in the following categories: communication, community initiatives, compensation and benefits, diversity and multiculturalism, employee education and development, employee engagement and commitment, recognition and retention, small business, recruitment and selection, and work-life balance. (See following list for winners.)

"We are honored to recognize the efforts of this year's 101 'Best and Brightest' companies. These companies have created impressive organizational value and business results through their policies and Best Practices in human resource management. This award has become a powerful recruitment tool in the drive to attract and retain exceptional employees," said Jennifer Kluge, NABR president.

Judy Hsu from ABC-7 Chicago News and Pat Cassidy from WLS 890 AM News Radio will emcee the awards ceremony. A series of workshops covering leading human resources topics will also be presented. This year's educational sessions include "HR's Response to Changing Economic Conditions: Practices, Policies, Compensation & Benefits," "The Training Investment," "Creating a Successful Formula for Engagement" and "Emotions in the Workplace."

The event leads off at 8 a.m. with registration and a networking continental breakfast. The morning continues with a series of interactive educational sessions on human resource practices starting at 8:30 a.m., followed by the awards luncheon and announcement of the honorees and 11 elite winners at 11:45 a.m.

Chicago's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For is sponsored by ABC-7 Chicago News, America Chartered Bank, Assurance Agency, FONA International, Inc. The Management Association of Illinois, Center for Research and Services, Crowe Horwath, KPMG, Skender Construction, West Monroe Partners and Verizon Wireless.

Admission for the awards luncheon and symposium for individuals is \$220 for NABR members and \$245 for non-members. If you are interested in attending the conference, contact the National Association for Business Resources at 866-321-1822 or visit www.101bestandbrightest.com.

CHICAGO 'S 101 BEST AND BRIGHTEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR

2009 WINNERS

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Nominations are now open for 2010. Nominate your company online at www.101bestandbrightest.com.

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