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**Chicago's Best And Brightest Companies To Work For® Announced  
By The National Association For Business Resources**

June 10, 2014, Warren, Mich. - Companies succeeding in today's economy are dedicated to their employees and demonstrate best practices in human resources. The best companies will be recognized by National Association for Business Resources (NABR) at the [Chicago's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®](#) symposium and awards luncheon on Mon., July 21, 2014 at the Oak Brook Marriot.

This year the Best and Brightest Companies To Work For® awards program has raised the bar with a new category. Winners will be pooled by the size of their company. Employers with 50 or less employees will be benchmarked together and all companies, no matter their size, can be a Best and Brightest Company to Work For™ resulting in better business, richer lives and stronger communities.

An independent research firm evaluates each company's entry based on key measures in various categories. They include Compensation, Benefits and Employee Solutions; Employee Enrichment, Engagement and Retention; Employee Education and Development; Recruitment, Selection and Orientation; Employee Achievement and Recognition; Communication and Shared Vision; Diversity and Inclusion; Work-Life Balance; Community Initiatives; Strategic Company Performance and the Best of the Best Small Business. (See the attached list of honorees.)

The winning companies also vie for 11 elite awards, one granted for each category. Also, an overall winner that excelled in all categories will be honored with a "Best of the Best Overall" award. The elite award winners will be announced during the luncheon. Judy Hsu from ABC 7 Chicago News and Pat Cassidy from WBBM-AM News Radio will emcee the awards ceremony.

The event starts at 8:00 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 honoring all winners and announcement of the 12 elite winners.

This year's educational sessions include Michael H. Hahn presenting "Heroes@Work: Maximizing Organizational Health & Engagement via Strategic Storytelling," and the Keynote address "Critical Thinking Counts," presented by Speaker Claire G. Herring MS, MBA from Blue Ocean Brain.

"The selection, recognition and awarding of this year's companies allows our organization to showcase their best practices. The honorees have clearly demonstrated why each of them would be an ideal place for employees to work. Companies that capitalize on their greatest resource—their employees—know how to attract and retain top talent," said Jennifer Kluge, NABR president. "We are proud to honor this year's winners."

Chicago's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For™ is sponsored by ABC 7 Chicago, Assurance Agency, CORP! Magazine, FONA International, Harrah's Joliet, IIT Center for Research and Service, The Management Association of Illinois, Verizon Wireless, GreenRoom Production, Inc., VW Credit, Inc., Omron Automation and Safety, Baudville, Tomorrow's Business Today and Chicago Coffees & Teas.

Admission for the awards luncheon and symposium is \$265 for individuals and tables for 10 are \$2,500. If you are interested in attending the conference, contact the National Association for Business Resources at 866-321-1822 x 148 or visit [www.101bestandbrightest.com](http://www.101bestandbrightest.com).

*The "Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®", a program of the National Association for Business Resources is presented annually in several markets: Detroit, Chicago, Atlanta, San Francisco, Milwaukee, Houston, Grand Rapids and Nationally. Nominations are now being accepted. Visit [www.101bestandbrightest.com](http://www.101bestandbrightest.com) to obtain an application.*

## **Chicago's Best and Brightest Companies To Work For® 2014 Winners**

*Of the hundreds of nominations received, the companies listed below met the criteria as a "Best and Brightest Company to Work For®"*

Advanced Resources	Grand Prairie Services
Aerotek	Greeley and Hansen
American Academy of Pediatrics	Guardian Electric Manufacturing Company
ARCO/Murray National Construction Company	Harrah's Joliet
Armstrong Aerospace	HealthScape Advisors
ArrowStream	IfbyPhone, Inc.
Assurance	Impact Networking, LLC
Audiology Systems	Kaleidoscope
BDO USA, LLP	kCura Corp
Bel Brands USA	KPMG LLP
Blue Plate Catering	LaSalle Network
Bosch Rexroth Corporation	Laurus Strategies
Brad's Deals	Loma Systems
bswift	Lyons Consulting Group
Burwood Group Inc.	Maven Wave Partners
Capital One Financial	McGladrey
Care Communications	Milhouse Engineering and Construction, Inc.
Celergo LLC	Mortenson Construction
CITYTECH, Inc.	Mutual Trust Financial Group
Comcast	National Futures Association
Community Counseling Center of Chicago	NCSA Athletic Recruiting
ContextMedia Inc.	Nitel
Digitas LBi	NOW Foods
DMC Inc.	NPV Advisors
EMKAY Inc.	Office Concepts
Enesco, LLC	Omron Automation and Safety
Flexco	OtterBase
Flexprint, Inc.	Paylocity Corporation
FONA International, Inc.	Plexus
Geneca	PLS Financial Services, Inc.
Getty Images	Protiviti Inc.
Ghafari Associates LLC	PSC Group, LLC

Red Frog Events  
Rightpoint Consulting  
Rise Interactive  
Robbins Schwartz Nicholas Lifton & Taylor, Ltd.  
Sears Hometown & Outlet Stores, Inc.  
Shure, Incorporated  
Sikich LLP  
Skender Construction Company  
Slalom Consulting  
Sonoma Partners, LLC  
Spot Trading  
Starcom USA  
Stout Risius Ross, Inc.  
SunCoke Energy  
SWC Technology Partners  
Takeda  
The James Hotel  
The Marketing Store Worldwide, LP  
Thoughtworks  
Thresholds Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centers  
Total Quality Logistics  
Transportation Solutions Enterprises  
True Partners Consulting  
Turner Construction Company  
Valassis  
Vapor Bus International  
Verizon Wireless  
VW Credit, Inc.  
WOW Internet Cable and Phone  
Zeigler Auto Group

**Best & Brightest Companies To Work For®  
50 or Less Employees**

alligatortek  
Arrow Strategies  
Ashley Ellis  
Blue Inc.  
Brilliant  
Conway MacKenzie, Inc.  
Devbridge Group  
Flex-Weld Inc.  
Framework Communications  
Fusion OEM  
Genesis Technologies  
GiveForward, Inc.  
Harley Ellis Devereaux  
hrQ  
ID Media  
Infinite  
InRule Technology  
Instant Technology  
International Contractors, Inc.  
IT Supplies  
Kutchins, Robbins & Diamond, Ltd.  
McAfee Institute  
Navigate Research  
Pivot Point Consulting  
Prominence Advisors  
SEI – Service Express, Inc.  
Smart Resources, Inc.  
Studley, Inc.  
Tahoe Partners, LLC  
The Carlson Group Inc.  
The Pepper Group  
The Salem Group  
WestLake Financial Group, Inc  
Wine Sergi  
XCLUTEL Communications