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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS RESOURCES REVEALS
CHICAGO'S 101 BEST AND BRIGHTEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR**

June 11, 2008, Warren, Mich. — Companies that are named “Chicago’s 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For” by the National Association for Business Resources (NABR) are distinct and deserving of their recognition. Now in its fourth year, this award has become a designation sought after by hundreds of Chicago area companies.

The NABR will be honoring 101 companies, as well as presenting 11 elite awards, at the annual Chicago’s 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For symposium and awards luncheon on Monday, August 4, 2008 at the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook. Judy Hsu of ABC 7 Chicago News and Pat Cassidy of WBBM News Radio 780 will emcee the awards ceremony. A series of workshops about leading human resources topics will also be presented.

An independent research firm 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, recruitment and selection, work-life balance and small business. The 2008 winning companies have demonstrated exceptional commitment to innovative human resource initiatives that positively benefit their employees. (See following list for winners.)

“These companies have a real commitment and dedication to their employees. The best practices and innovative human resource initiatives that were demonstrated should inspire others to look for new ways recognize employees as their greatest assets. The NABR is proud to serve as a catalyst for high standards in human resources and to recognize companies that achieve success,” said Jennifer Kluge, NABR president.

The event begins at 8 a.m. with registration, networking and 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 11 elite winners at 11:45 a.m. This year’s educational sessions include “Recruitment Strategies for the New Human Resources,” “Employee Engagement: Mission Critical,” “The New Operation Role of HR” and “Generations in the Workplace.”

Chicago’s 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For is sponsored by ABC 7 Chicago News, Chrysler LLC, America Chartered Bank, Assurance Agency, FONA International, Inc. Management Association of Illinois, Michael C. Fina, IIT’s Center for Research and Services, Verizon Wireless and Crowe Chizek & Company.

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.

Nominations are now open for 2009. The nomination deadline is April 24, 2009. Nominate your company online at www.101bestandbrightest.com.

The National Association for Business Resources (NABR) advocates and represents small and medium-sized businesses throughout the United States. NABR specializes in providing businesses the benefits, programs, services, and assistance required to operate as efficiently and successfully as possible. Best practice solutions are available to members in the areas of human resources, healthcare, legal, transaction, compliance, marketing, and office services. For more information about NABR and its offerings, please visit www.nationalbiz.org or call 1-866-321-1822.



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

2008 WINNERS

Affinia Chicago Hotel	LeasePlan USA, Inc.
Allscripts Healthcare Solutions	M. A. Mortenson Company
Alterian, Inc.	Milhouse Engineering and Construction, Inc.
American Academy of Pediatrics	Millennium Electronics, Inc.
American Unit Inc.	Morningstar, Inc.
Ampac Flexibles	Mutual Trust Financial Group
Assurance Agency Ltd.	National Futures Association
ATI Holdings, LLC	North Suburban Library System
Atwell-Hicks	Now Foods
BDO Seidman, LLP	Office Concepts
Bison Gear & Engineering Corporation	OtterBase, Inc.
Blue Plate	Paylocity
Bosch Rexroth Corporation	PEAK 6 Investments, LP
Burwood Group, Inc.	Plexus
Care Communications	PointBridge
CCC Information Services Inc.	Protiviti Inc.
Centers for New Horizons	Rabjohns Financial Group
CME Group	Remedy
Chicago Trading Company	RSM McGladrey, Inc.
Clear!Blue	Rush-Copley Medical Center
Cleversafe, Inc.	Sage Products Inc.
Comprehensive Therapeutics, Ltd.	Schawk, Inc.
Cosi, Inc.	Service Express, Inc.
Crowe Chizek and Company LLC	Shared Technologies Inc.
Digitas	Shure Incorporated
Donlen Corporation	Sikich LLP
Draftfcb	Skender Construction Company
DSM Desotech, Inc.	Slalom Consulting
Duke Realty Corporation	Slayton Search Partners, Inc.
Echo Global Logistics	Sonoma Partners LLC
Emergency Nurses Association	State Bank of Countryside
Ernst & Young LLP	Stout Risius Ross, Inc.
Euro RSCG Chicago	Sun Trading LLC
Eved Services	SurePayroll
Flexco	TAC Transportation
FONA International Inc.	The James Hotel
Geneca	The Marketing Store
Getty Images	ThoughtWorks, Inc.
Golin Harris	Thresholds Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centers
Greeley and Hansen	Time Out Chicago Magazine
Harley Ellis Devereaux	Transwestern
Harrah's Joliet	Turner Construction Company
Hephzibah Children's Association	Two Degrees
Hill & Knowlton	Urban Innovations
Impact Networking, L.L.C.	Vapor Bus International
Incredible Technologies	Verizon Wireless
Infogix, Inc.	VW Credit, Inc.
Kaleidoscope	West Monroe Partners
Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants	Wine Sergi & Co, LLC
KPMG LLP	Zipcar Chicago
Leaders Bank	



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