



65 Companies Named Washington's Best Workplaces

SEATTLE-(Business Wire)-July 13, 2007 - Sixty-five different companies across the state have made the grade as Washington's Best Workplaces, the Puget Sound Business Journal announced today.

The Washington's Best Workplaces program — to include a special publication on Aug. 10 and a festive public event at Safeco Field Aug. 8 — was launched this year by the Business Journal to identify and recognize best practices in the hiring and retention of great people. After an extensive and rigorous process, which included more than 200 nominees and the completion of surveys by nominee-company employees across the state, workplaces in four different categories have been identified as Washington's best.

The finalists — 20 small companies, 20 medium-sized companies, 20 large companies, and five nonprofits — will be celebrated at a one-of-a-kind awards event at Safeco Field on Aug. 8. Finalists and the public alike are invited to come cheer for the workplace accomplishments that will be on display there from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The celebration will include ballpark food and drink, a home run challenge, caricatures by award-winning Business Journal cartoonist Milt Priggee, speed pitching, tours of Safeco Field, and an awards presentation. The company with the greatest number of employees present will win a suite at a future Seattle Mariners game.

"Work force development has never been more important — or more difficult — than it is in today's global economy," said Emory Thomas Jr., publisher of the Business Journal. "We believe the Business Journal, as the Puget Sound area's top source of business information, has an important role to play in drawing attention to innovations and excellence in the management of our region's No. 1 resource: its people."

The Presenting Sponsor of Washington's Best Workplaces is Regence, provider of health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits and administrative services since 1917.

Co-sponsors of the program are the accounting and consulting firm of Moss Adams LLP, the recruiting firm of HeadHunters NW, and the Seattle Mariners baseball club.

For more information and to purchase tickets for the Washington Best Workplaces Aug. 8 event at Safeco Field, please go to the following web site: www.wabestworkplaces.com. The advertising space deadline for the Aug. 8 publication is July 24; for further information, contact Colleen Allison, advertising director, at 206-583-0701.

Puget Sound Business Journal, along with the sponsors of Washington's Best Workplaces, would like to congratulate each and every honoree in this inaugural year of this important program: -0- *T Washington's Best Workplaces finalists are: Small company finalists: Accountants Inc. Another Source GordonDerr LLP BuzzBee Company CFO Selections LLC Chameleon Technologies Coldstream Capital Management complete office Evergreen Surgical Clinic Human Resource Novations, Inc. MarketFitz, Inc. Personnel Management Systems Inc. Protingent Staffing Queen Anne Window & Door Synapse Product Development, LLC. TERRA Resource Group The Frause Group The Resource Group Washington Real Estate Holdings Working Spaces Project Medium company finalists: BLRB Architects BNBuilders, Inc. Business Interiors Northwest Cairncross & Hempelmann, P.S. ClearPoint, LP DCI Engineers (D'Amato Conversano, Inc.) Dillanos Coffee Roasters Entellium Tangerine Travel, Inc. GLY Construction, Inc. Intelius, Inc. Lasher Holzapfel Sperry & Ebberson, PLLC Leisure Care PCL Construction Services, Inc. Schwartz Brothers Restaurants Sparling Weber + Thompson Weber Shandwick Wood Stone Corporation Zango, Inc Large company finalists: Allstate Insurance Company Ascentium Corporation BD&ABratrud Middleton Insurance Columbia Bank Columbia Hospitality, Inc. David Evans and Associates, Inc. Deloitte & Touche LLP Foster Pepper PLLC Frontier Bank GVA Kidder Mathews HomeStreet Bank Isilon Systems Lane Powell PC M. A. Mortenson Company Moneytree, Inc. Moss Adams LLP Quadrant Homes Waggener Edstrom Worldwide Washington Trust Bank Nonprofit organization finalists: American Cancer Society, Puget Sound Region ElderHealth Northwest Institute for Systems Biology King County Sexual Assault Resource Center Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing *T