

The Ninth Annual "Best Places to Work in Maine" Announces The #1 Companies In The State

Portland, ME—October 9, 2014— Edward Jones based in Belfast is ranked #1 "Best Places to Work in Maine" in the large company category. Patriot Subaru, located in Saco, took the same honor in the medium category and #1 in the small company category is TruChoice Federal Credit Union based in South Portland. The Society for Human Resource Management's (SHRM) Maine State Council's awards and recognition dinner held last night at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland where they announced the top 10 companies in each category to a packed house of more than 500 people.

The assessment process, administered by the Best Companies Group, evaluated each company's employee policies and procedures, as well as responses from the company's employees to a survey. In August, the Best Companies Group released a list of the 70 companies who made the cut as the overall Best Places to Work. The program marks the most recent step in a long-term initiative to encourage growth and excellence throughout all Maine companies.

The rankings for all 70 companies that made the "2014 Best Places to Work in Maine" are as follows:

Large Company Category (250 plus U.S. Employees)

- 1. Edward Jones, Belfast
- 2. CIANBRO, Pittsfield
- 3. Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, Lewiston
- 4. Diversified Communications, Portland
- 5. Tyler Technologies, Inc., Yarmouth
- 6. Geiger Group, Lewiston
- 7. athenahealth, Inc. Belfast
- 8. Bangor Savings Bank, Bangor
- 9. Unum. Portland
- 10. InterMed, P.A., South Portland
- 11. New Balance Athletic Shoe Inc., Norridgewock
- 12. T-Mobile US, Oakland
- 13. Carbonite, Inc., Lewiston
- 14. Barclays, Wilton
- 15. Consigli Construction Co., Inc., Portland

- 16. Maine Veterans' Homes, Augusta
- 17. Hancock Lumber Company, Casco
- 18. Kaplan University Maine Campuses, South Portland
- 19. Cintas Corporation, Westbrook
- 20. Hollywood Casino Bangor, Bangor

Medium Company Category (50 to 249 U.S. employees)

- 1. Patriot Subaru, Saco
- 2. Town & Country Federal Credit Union, South Portland
- 3. Infinity Federal Credit Union, Westbrook
- 4. Kepware Technologies, Portland
- 5. Machias Savings Bank, Machias
- 6. Community Care, Bangor
- 7. Connectivity Point, Auburn
- 8. Maine State Credit Union, Augusta
- 9. Allen Insurance and Financial, Camden
- 10. Tom's of Maine, Kennebunk
- 11. SeniorsPlus, Lewiston
- 12. CashStar, Inc., Portland
- 13. Bath Savings Institution, Bath
- 14. FISC Solutions, Lewiston
- 15. Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Bar Harbor
- 16. Moody's Collision Centers, Inc., Gorham
- 17. Apothecary By Design, Portland
- 18. Maine Savings Federal Credit Union, Hampden
- 19. Allagash Brewing Co., Portland
- 20. Coastal Women's Healthcare, Scarborough
- 21. Good Shepherd Food Bank, Auburn
- 22. Skowhegan Savings Bank, Skowhegan
- 23. GreenPages Technology Solutions, Kittery
- 24. Systems Engineering, Inc., Portland
- 25. Mechanics Savings Bank, Auburn
- 26. Putney, Inc., Portland
- 27. Androscoggin Bank, Lewiston
- 28. Clark Insurance, Portland
- 29. Maine Credit Union League of Synergent, Portland
- 30. F.A. Peabody Company, Houlton
- 31. Day's Jewelers, Waterville
- 32. Winxnet, Portland
- 33. BlueTarp Financial, Portland
- 34. Harriman, Auburn
- 35. Bedard Pharmacy and Medical Supplies, Auburn
- 36. Thayer Corporation, Auburn

Small Company Category (15 to 49 U.S. employees)

- 1. TruChoice Federal Credit Union, South Portland
- 2. Pierce, Portland
- 3. Sage Data Security LLC., Portland
- 4. Hall Internet Marketing, Portland
- 5. SFX AMERICA, Portland
- 6. MPX, Portland
- 7. Albin, Randall & Bennett, Portland
- 8. Plixer International, Inc., Kennebunk
- 9. Kennebec Federal Savings, Waterville
- 10. RLC Engineering, LLC., Hallowell
- 11. Holden Agency, Portland
- 12. PeoplesChoice Credit Union, Saco
- 13. Nurse Anesthesia of Maine, Brewer
- 14. BONNEY Staffing Center, Portland

The 2014 Best Places to Work in Maine program recognizes companies who have established and consistently fostered outstanding workplace environments. Partners endorsing the program include: Best Companies Group, Maine HR Convention, The Maine State Chamber of Commerce, The Maine Department of Labor, The Department of Economic and Community Development, and *Mainebiz*.

The program also helps companies that want to improve their score. The Best Companies Group's "Employee Feedback Report" is presented to each participating company, even if it did not make the list. The report summarizes employee engagement and satisfaction data, the "Maine Benchmark Report," and the transcript of employee written comments. The report is used by many organizations to make significant improvements in their workplace culture.

Further details about the "Best Places to Work in Maine" program and the awards banquet can be found online at www.bestplacestoworkinme.com.

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(Photo 1--Edward Jones #1 Large Business) From left to right-- Deborah Whitworth, state director of the SHRM Maine State Council/ Seth Cheikin, Edward Jones/ Peter

Neelon, Edward Jones/ Dana Connors, President of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce/

(Photo 2-- Patriot Subaru #1 Medium Business) From left to right-- Deborah Whitworth, state director of the SHRM Maine State Council/ Glen Reed, Patriot Subaru of Saco /Brian Beatie, Patriot Subaru of Saco and Dana Connors, President of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce.

(Photo 3-- TrueChoice Federal Credit Union#1 Small Business) From left to right-Deborah Whitworth, state director of the SHRM Maine State Council/ Becky Watkins TrueChoice Federal Credit Union, Sara Stewart, TrueChoice Federal Credit Union and Dana Connors, President of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce.

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Photos available of all companies on the list upon request.