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**“Best Places to Work in Maine” Announces Top Employers in the State
at Annual Awards Dinner**

PORTLAND, Maine (October 9, 2018)—This year’s top winners in the “Best Places to Work in Maine” demonstrate what it means to keep a high level of employee satisfaction. Top companies in all three categories are repeat winners from last year.

For the fifth year in a row, Belfast-based Edward Jones took top honors among large companies (250 or more U.S. employees). Patriot Subaru of Saco stayed on top in the medium employer category (50 to 249 U.S. employees) in the “Best Places to Work in Maine” program. This is also for the fifth year in a row that the car company has kept that honor. Maine Information Network, based in Augusta, a newcomer to the list last year, repeated in first place among smaller businesses (15-49 U.S. employees).

Several companies moved up from last year’s ranking. Among large companies, Publishers Clearing House, ranked 12 in the Medium category in 2017, came in at fourth place in 2018. Among medium-sized companies, five jumped at least 15 places: Town & Country FCU, Nonantum Resort, Damariscotta Bank & Trust, Systems Engineering and the Maine State Credit Union, which jumped from 17th to 2nd. The big mover among smaller companies was Planson International, jumping 12 spots to 2nd place.

Maine State Council of the Society for Human Resources Management (MESHRM) recognized Maine’s top employers for 2018 at its annual awards and recognition dinner last night at the Augusta Civic Center, with more than 650 people attending.

The “Best Places to Work in Maine” program recognizes companies that have established and consistently fostered outstanding workplace environments. The assessment process, administered by Best Companies Group, evaluated each company’s employee policies and procedures as well as survey responses from the companies’ employees. In August, the Maine Society of Human Resources Management released a list of the 75 companies that made the cut as an overall Best Place to Work. The program marks the most recent

step in a long-term initiative to encourage growth and excellence among all Maine companies.

The “Best Places to Work in Maine” ranked as follows:

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

1. Edward Jones, Multiple locations
2. Consigli Construction Co., Inc., Portland
3. Machias Savings Bank, Multiple locations
4. Publishers Clearing House, Portland
5. Bangor Savings Bank, Multiple locations
6. Darling’s, Multiple locations
7. Redington-Fairview General Hospital, Skowhegan and Norridgewock
8. TPx Communications, South Portland
9. Geiger, Lewiston
10. T-Mobile US, Oakland
11. Kennebec Behavioral Health, Multiple locations
12. Huber Engineered Woods LLC, Easton
13. Tyler Technologies, Inc., Multiple locations
14. Hancock Lumber, Multiple locations
15. TD Bank, America’s Most Convenient Bank, Portland and Falmouth
16. Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice, Multiple locations
17. NFI North, Multiple locations
18. InterMed, P.A., Multiple locations

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

1. Patriot Subaru of Saco
2. Maine State Credit Union, Augusta and Waterville
3. Down East Credit Union, Multiple locations
4. Drummond Woodsum, Portland
5. Damariscotta Bank & Trust, Multiple locations
6. Wings for Children and Families, Multiple locations
7. SymQuest, Westbrook and Lewiston
8. cPort Credit Union, Multiple locations
9. Casco Bay Ford, Yarmouth
10. Allagash Brewing Company, Portland
11. PeoplesChoice Credit Union, Multiple locations
12. Good Shepherd Food Bank, Multiple locations
13. CES, Inc., Multiple locations
14. Bath Savings Institution, Multiple locations
15. Moody’s Co-worker Owned, Inc., Multiple locations
16. Nonantum Resort, Kennebunkport

17. Systems Engineering, Portland
18. Evergreen Credit Union, Multiple locations
19. Community Care, Multiple locations
20. Infinity Federal Credit Union, Multiple locations
21. Bernstein Shur, Portland and Augusta
22. Town & Country FCU, Multiple locations
23. Certify, Inc., Multiple locations
24. University Credit Union, Multiple locations
25. Finance Authority of Maine, Augusta
26. Avesta Housing, Multiple locations
27. CashStar, Portland
28. Maine Credit Union League/Synergent, Westbrook and New Gloucester
29. Allen Insurance and Financial, Multiple locations
30. Winxnet, Portland
31. Day's Jewelers, Multiple locations
32. Connectivity Point, Auburn and Falmouth
33. Day One, Multiple locations
34. Harriman, Auburn and Portland
35. GreenPages Technology Solutions, Kittery
36. Midcoast Federal Credit Union, Multiple locations
37. Katahdin Trust Company, Multiple locations

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

1. Maine Information Network, Augusta
2. Planson International, New Gloucester
3. Landry/French Construction, Scarborough
4. Sabattus Regional Credit Union, Sabattus
5. TruChoice Federal Credit Union, Multiple locations
6. Octane Marketing, Portland
7. Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc., Livermore Falls
8. Colby Co. Engineering, Portland
9. CCB, Inc., Westbrook
10. SFX America, Portland
11. MPX, Portland
12. Rich Exterior Solutions, Falmouth
13. Oxford County Mental Health Services, Rumford and South Paris
14. Albin, Randall & Bennett, Portland
15. Trueline, Portland
16. Kennebec Federal Savings, Waterville (two locations)
17. TIDESMART GLOBAL, Falmouth
18. Seabreeze Property Services, Portland
19. Hersey EyeCare, Multiple locations
20. Arkatechture, Portland

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BPTW 2017 #1 Large Company, Edward Jones-- from left to right: Dana Connors, Maine State Chamber President; Seth Cheikin, Edward Jones; Renee Chaplin, Edward Jones and Amie Parker, Director of Maine State Society for Human Resources Management.

BPTW 2017 # 1 Medium Company, Patriot Subaru of Saco—from left to right: Dana Connors, Maine State Chamber President; Glen Reed, Patriot Subaru; Brian Beattie, Patriot Subaru and Amie Parker, Director of Maine State Society for Human Resources Management.

BPTW 2017 #1 Small Company, Maine Information Network—from left to right: Dana Connors, Maine State Chamber President; Todd Tolhorogt, Maine Information Network; Kimberly Duplisen, Maine Information Network and Amie Parker, Director of Maine State Society for Human Resources Management.

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