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The Fifth Annual “Best Places to Work in Maine” Announces The #1 Companies In The State

Lewiston, ME—October 12, 2010—For the second consecutive year, Unum in Portland is ranked #1 “Best Places to Work in Maine” in the large company category. Kennebec Savings Bank took the same honor in the small/medium category at The Society for Human Resource Management’s (SHRM) Maine State Council’s awards and recognition dinner held last night in Lewiston.

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 40 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 three top-ranked companies for each category from the list of the "Best Places to Work in Maine" were announced last night to a packed house of more than 450 people:

Top 3 Rankings for 2010 “Best Places to Work in Maine”:

Large (250 plus employees)

1. Unum, Portland
2. Bangor Savings Bank, Bangor
3. New Balance Athletic Shoe Inc., Skowhegan

Small/Medium (15 to 249 employees)

1. Kennebec Savings Bank, Augusta
2. Edward Jones, Brunswick
3. Garrand, Portland

The 2010 Best Places to Work in Maine program, sponsored by Central Maine Healthcare, recognizes companies who have established and consistently fostered outstanding workplace environments. Partners endorsing the program include Best

Companies Group; the Maine State Chamber of Commerce; Employment Times/MyJobWave.com; and Mainebiz.

The program also helps companies who want to improve their score. The Best Companies Group's "Employee Feedback Report" is presented to each participating company, even if they did not make the list. The report includes the summarized 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.

"The success of Maine's business climate is intrinsically tied to Maine's workforce," said Dana Connors, President of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, "and the 'Best Places to Work in Maine' program recognizes and celebrates that connection. The ultimate goal, of course, is to establish and ensure a business climate that shines not only for Maine's people but also for those who might wish to establish a business here."

The 40 companies, listed alphabetically, are:

- Affiliated Healthcare Systems, Bangor
- Albin, Randall & Bennett, Portland
- Androscoggin Bank, Lewiston
- Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice, Lewiston
- athenahealth, Belfast
- Bangor Savings Bank, Bangor
- Bernstein Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, Portland
- Burgess Advertising & Marketing, Portland
- Center Point Large Print, Thorndike
- Central Maine Healthcare, Lewiston
- Consigli Construction Co. Inc., Portland
- Day One, South Portland
- Edward Jones, Brunswick
- EMHS, Brewer
- Evergreen MGA, Lewiston
- Garrand, Portland
- Geiger, Lewiston
- GreenPages Technology Solutions, Kittery
- Holden Agency Insurance, Portland
- Jobs For Maine's Graduates (JMG), Augusta
- Jøtul North America, Gorham
- Kennebec Savings Bank, Augusta
- Kennebunk Savings, Kennebunk
- Machias Savings Bank, Machias
- Maine Savings Federal Credit Union, Hampden
- Moody's Collision Centers, Gorham
- MOUNTAIN, LTD. New Gloucester
- MPX, Portland

- New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc., Skowhegan
- New England Life Care, South Portland
- Oxford Networks, Lewiston
- PeoplesChoice Credit Union, Saco
- Portland Color, Portland
- PowerPay, LLC, Portland
- Skowhegan Savings Bank, Skowhegan
- SMRT, Portland
- T-MobileUSA, Oakland
- Turner Barker Insurance, Portland
- Unum, Portland
- Woodard & Curran, Portland

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