



2016 Minnesota Business Ethics Awards Honors Three Companies

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Business leaders gathered at the Nicollet Island Pavilion on **Business Ethics Awareness Day in Minnesota** to honor three companies with the 17th annual **Minnesota Business Ethics Award** (MBEA). The recipients of the award included:

- Small Company Category (under 100 employees): **The Ackerberg Group**
- Mid-Sized Company Category (100 to 500 employees): **King Solutions, Inc.**
- Large Company Category (more than 500 employees): **HealthPartners**

Each MBEA recipient received a crystal award along with a congratulatory letter from Gov. Mark Dayton. Dayton declared Wednesday, May 11, 2016 Business Ethics Awareness Day in the state of Minnesota.

“This year’s MBEA recipients have made exemplary strides in creating business cultures that aspire to achieve high ethical standards,” says Brian Volkmann, MBEA co-chair. “They endeavor to make the best out of any situation while serving the interests of all stakeholders.”

The finalists for the MBEA were lauded for their commitment to ethics in business. They included: **Lakeview Bank**, Lakeview; **Peoples Bank Midwest**, Maplewood, MN; **Star Choice Credit Union**, Bloomington, MN; **FirstService Residential Minnesota, Inc.**, Bloomington, MN; **Premier Disability Services, LLC**, Minneapolis and **Ecolab, Inc.**, St. Paul. All were recognized as outstanding ethical Minnesota businesses.

The award luncheon keynote was Emery Koenig, former vice chairman and chief risk officer of Cargill.

The MBEA recognizes Minnesota businesses that exemplify and promote ethical conduct in the workplace, the marketplace and the community. Since its founding in 1999, the MBEA has recognized 49 Minnesota-based businesses, ranging in size from less than 10 employees to more than 150,000. The MBEA was founded by the Society of Financial Service Professionals – Twin Cities Chapter and the Center for Ethical Business Cultures (CEBC) at the University of St. Thomas Opus College of Business. Joining these two organizations as a sponsor is the Financial Executives International (FEI) – Twin Cities Chapter. Information about the MBEA and a list of past MBEA recipients can be viewed at www.mnethicsaward.org.

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