



Press Release
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Koenig to Keynote Minnesota Business Ethics Awards Luncheon on May 11

MINNEAPOLIS – The **Minnesota Business Ethics Award** (MBEA) announces Emery Koenig, vice chairman and chief risk officer of Cargill will keynote the MBEA awards luncheon on May 11 at the Nicollet Island Pavilion.

"We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Emery Koenig as the keynote speaker for our upcoming luncheon. Mr. Koenig represents the values that are integral to a strong and ethical business community," says **Brian Volkmann**, co-chair of the MBEA Steering Committee. He further notes that nominations are still being accepted at www.mnethicsaward.org.

Koenig is a member of the Cargill Corporate Leadership Team, the core executive group in charge of Cargill's overall strategy, growth and funding. Koenig previously served as a platform leader for Cargill's Agricultural Supply Chain platform as well as Energy, Transportation & Metals platform. He has responsibilities for Cargill's corporate transportation, logistics and warehousing function and risk management function.

Koenig joined Cargill in 1978 and has since held various leadership positions in the international commodity trading and risk management areas. During his 15-year tenure in Geneva, Switzerland, his responsibilities included worldwide commodity trading and risk management; the Middle East region including offices in Casablanca, Cairo, and Johannesburg; and palm oil refining and trading businesses in Malaysia, Indonesia, and Singapore.

Koenig currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Mosaic Company. In addition, he is a director of Cargill International, SA, a trustee for Minnesota Public Radio, a member of the Board of Directors of CARE and of the Catholic Community Foundation.

Award nominations are being accepted until January 22, 2016 at www.mnethicsaward.org. The recipients of the 2016 MBEA will be announced at the luncheon on May 11 at noon. Award recipients are evaluated by MBEA judges in three company size categories: small (under 100 employees), mid-size (100 to 500 employees) and large (more than

500 employees). Entries are reviewed by a preliminary judging panel for each size category, and up to three entries from each category are forwarded for review by the finalist judging panel.

Registration for the luncheon is open at www.mnethicsaward.org.

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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