



Working Together: Expanding Maine's Workforce

Business Award Nomination Form - 2010

Each year, Working Together gives out three awards for those businesses that demonstrate outstanding commitment to employing people with disabilities. We seek nominations for these awards, and encourage businesses to self-nominate.

Business Leadership Award—this award is for that larger Maine business (50 or more employees) which has shown innovation and commitment in employing people with disabilities. This award will go to the business that illustrates a company-wide commitment to furthering employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Previous recipients include MEMIC, Hannaford Brothers, and Kohl's (Biddeford).

Small Business Leadership Award—this award is for that smaller Maine business (fewer than 50 employees) which has shown innovation and commitment in employing people with disabilities. This award will go to the business that illustrates growing and continued commitment to furthering employment opportunities for people with disabilities. *Previous recipients include Wild Oats Bakery and Café (Brunswick), Al's Auto (Medway), and Aroostook Center Mall (Presque Isle).*

Workforce Achievement Award—This award goes to that Maine business which illustrates a strong commitment to either significantly increasing the number of people with disabilities within the workforce or employing people with disabilities for the first time. This award is also known as the "Just Do It" award and is intended to credit an employer that eagerly and enthusiastically begins diversifying its workforce by employing people with disabilities. *Previous recipients include Stonewall Kitchen, Bates College, and Access Auto & Lincoln Rental (Lincoln).*

Nominations of businesses must be submitted by September 7, 2010.

The selection committee is comprised of three individuals from Working Together member businesses, two from the private sector and one from the Maine State Government.

Award Recipients will be notified by September 21, 2010, and awards will be given at the annual conference on September 28, 2010.

Business Nominated: _____

Award sought (check one):

- Business Leadership Award
- Small Business Leadership Award
- Workforce Achievement Award

Are you submitting this award on behalf of your own business or are you nominating a business? (check one):

on behalf of own business

nominating a business

Check here if you don't want your name mentioned as a nominator

Your name: _____

Title/Organization: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Briefly describe why you think this business should receive the award (please give at least one specific example in your answer):

If you are nominating a business, please provide contact information for that business:

Contact name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone(s): _____

Thank you for submitting a nomination!

Please submit form to: Merritt Carey, Director, Marketing and Outreach, Working Together,
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