Employers of Excellence

Winners of the inaugural Employers of Excellence program will be announced May 25

In recognition of the inaugural Employers of Excellence pilot program, Dakota and Scott counties will name award winners at an event on Wednesday, May 25 from 7:30–9 a.m. at the Eagan Community Center.

The keynote speaker for the award presentation will be Gerry Hoeffner, President of Personnel Dynamics Consulting Group. With two decades of employee development experience, Hoeffner has an energizing approach to training employees and management teams. His experience in manufacturing, retail sales, financial services, and the medical field provides a broad spectrum of insight and knowledge to his work, and his experience working with hundreds of companies provides him with practical and useful insights for organizations of all sizes.

Small businesses that participated in the program completed a 40-question survey, covering employee training and development, hiring and retention of employees, benefit plans and more. Employers of Excellence Award recipients will have top rankings in these categories.

A report featuring the results of the survey and includes area employee recruitment and retention trends is provided to each organization allowing them to see how they compare to other employers, so they might develop a baseline of workforce best practices for their own organization.

For more information on the Employers of Excellence program, contact Workforce Development Board Director Mark Jacobs at 651-554-5622 or go to http://mn.gov/deed/excellence, which includes a link to the survey. Click on the "Employers of Excellence" tab.

If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to darla.wallraff@co.dakota.mn.us by May 13. For more information, call 651-554-5633.

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