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**“Best Places to Work in Maine”
Announces Top Employers in the State**

PORTLAND, Maine—The Society for Human Resource Management’s Maine State Council (MESHRM) recognized Maine’s top employers for 2016 at its annual awards and recognition dinner for the **Best Places to Work in Maine** program. For the third year in a row, Belfast-based Edward Jones took top honors among large companies (250 or more employees) and Patriot Subaru, located in Saco, was the #1 medium employer (50 to 249 employees). Claiming the top spot among small employers (15 – 49 employees) was Albin, Randall & Bennett, CPAs of Portland. MESHRM announced the top 10 companies in each category at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, to a packed house of close to 600 people.

The 2016 Best Places to Work in Maine program recognizes companies that have established and consistently fostered outstanding workplace environments. The assessment process, administered by the Best Companies Group, evaluated each company’s employee policies and procedures as well as survey responses from the companies’ employees. In August, the Best Companies Group released a list of the 75 companies that made the cut as an overall Best Places to Work. The program marks the most recent step in a long-term initiative to encourage growth and excellence among all Maine companies.

The 75 “Best Places to Work in Maine” ranked as follows:

Large Company Category (250+ U.S. Employees)

1. Edward Jones, Belfast (46 branch offices in Maine)
2. Machias Savings Bank, Machias (16 locations)
3. Diversified Communications, Portland & Bangor
4. Bangor Savings Bank, Bangor

5. Redington-Fairview General Hospital, Skowhegan
6. InterMed, P.A., South Portland, Portland and Yarmouth
7. Seabasticook Valley Health, Pittsfield
8. Geiger, Lewiston
9. Darling's, Brewer (4 locations)
10. Tyler Technologies, Inc., Yarmouth, Falmouth, Bangor
11. Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, Lewiston (5 locations)
12. T-Mobile, Oakland (all cities within Maine)
13. New Balance Athletics, Inc., Norridgewock, Skowhegan & Norway
14. IDEXX Laboratories, Inc., Westbrook
15. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, Portland, Falmouth, Lewiston
16. athenahealth, Inc., Belfast
17. Norway Savings Bank, Portland (21 locations)
18. Consigli Construction Co., Inc., Portland
19. Hancock Lumber Co., Casco
20. Inland Hospital, Waterville
21. Huber Engineered Woods LLC, Easton

Medium Company Category (50 to 249 U.S. Employees)

1. Patriot Subaru, Saco (9 locations)
2. Community Care, Bangor (15 locations)
3. Certify, Inc., Portland
4. Day One, South Portland (6 locations)
5. Winxnet, Portland
6. CES, Inc., Brewer (6 locations)
7. INFINITY Federal Credit Union, Westbrook (4 locations)
8. Allagash Brewing Company, Portland
9. York County Federal Credit Union, Sanford (5 locations)
10. Maine State Credit Union, Augusta & Waterville
11. ReVision Energy, Portland & Liberty
12. PCH Media, Portland
13. Bernstein Shur, Portland & Augusta
14. Norris Inc., South Portland & Bangor
15. Kleinschmidt Associates, Pittsfield & Falmouth
16. Town & Country FCU, South Portland (4 locations)
17. Finance Authority of Maine, Augusta
18. CashStar, Inc., Portland
19. Systems Engineering, Inc., Portland
20. SeniorsPlus, Lewiston (7 locations)
21. Bath Savings Institution, Bath (9 locations)
22. Apothecary by Design, LLC, Portland
23. Damariscotta Bank & Trust, Damariscotta (5 locations)
24. The Nonantum Resort, Kennebunkport, Kennebunk & Arundel
25. Allen Insurance and Financial, Camden (4 locations)
26. Good Shepherd Food Bank, Auburn, Hampden, Portland
27. Moody's Co-worker Owned, Inc., Gorham (9 locations)
28. Maine Credit Union League & Synergent, Westbrook & New Gloucester
29. Dahl Chase Diagnostic Services, Bangor
30. Connectivity Point, Auburn & New Gloucester

31. BlueTarp Financial, Portland
32. PeoplesChoice Credit Union, Saco (4 locations)
33. SymQuest, Westbrook & Lewiston
34. DSCI, South Portland
35. GreenPages Inc., Kittery
36. Evergreen Credit Union, Portland (4 locations)

Small Company Category (15 to 49 U.S. Employees)

1. Albin, Randall & Bennett, CPAs, Portland
2. Kennebec Federal Savings, Waterville
3. Sage Data Security LLC, Portland
4. TruChoice Federal Credit Union, Portland, Buxton, South Portland
5. Casco Systems, Cumberland Center & Waterville
6. Hersey EyeCare, Winterport (4 locations)
7. Landry/French Construction Co, Scarborough
8. MPX, Portland
9. Milestone Foundation, Inc., Portland & Old Orchard Beach
10. Workgroup Technology Partners, Inc., Westbrook (multiple locations statewide)
11. ETTI, Lisbon Falls
12. CedarWorks, Rockport & Rockland
13. SFX AMERICA, Portland
14. Holden Agency Insurance, Southern Maine
15. Virtual Managed Solutions, LLC, Caribou
16. Oxford County Mental Health Services, Rumford & South Paris
17. Bangor Federal Credit Union, Bangor
18. TrueLine Publishing, Portland

Partners endorsing the “Best Places to Work in Maine” program include: Maine HR Convention, The Maine State Chamber of Commerce, The Maine Department of Labor, The Department of Economic and Community Development, and *Mainebiz*.

The program also helps companies that want to improve their score. The Best Companies Group’s “Employee Feedback Report” is presented to each participating company, even if it did not make the list. The report summarizes 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.

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

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(Photo 1-- #1 Large Business) From left to right—Marcia Benner, Director MESHHRM; Julie Barter Lucas, Edward Jones; Seth Cheikin, Edward Jones; Jeanne Paquette, Commissioner of Labor for the State of Maine

(Photo 2-- #1 Medium Business) From left to right-- Marcia Benner, Director MESHHRM; Brian Beattie, Patriot Subaru; Glen Reed, Patriot Subaru; Jeanne Paquette, Commissioner of Labor for the State of Maine.

(Photo 3—#1 Small Business) From left to right-- Marcia Benner, Director MESHHRM; Laura Everett, Albin, Randall & Bennett; Randi Hall, Albin, Randall & Bennett; Jeanne Paquette, Commissioner of Labor for the State of Maine.

Photos of all companies on the list available upon request.