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**Tenth Annual “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 2015 at its annual awards and recognition dinner, the tenth anniversary of **Best Places to Work in Maine** program. For the second 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 Sage Data Security, LLC 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 2015 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
2. Diversified Communications
3. CIANBRO
4. athenahealth
5. Tyler Technologies, Inc.
6. Carbonite, Inc.
7. Sebasticook Valley Health
8. Bangor Savings Bank
9. T-Mobile

10. New Balance Athletic Shoes Inc.
11. Redington-Fairview General Hospital
12. InterMed, P.A.
13. Hancock Lumber Company, Inc
14. Consigli Construction Co., Inc.

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

1. Patriot Subaru
2. Community Health Options
3. Kepware Technologies
4. Town & Country Federal Credit Union
5. Community Care
6. Infinity FCU
7. Liquid
8. Day One
9. Norris, Inc.
10. CES, Inc.
11. Winxnet
12. Certify, Inc.
13. MMG Insurance Company
14. Machias Savings Bank
15. Apothecary by Design
16. Allen Insurance and Financial
17. Tom's of Maine
18. Good Shepherd Food Bank
19. Allagash Brewing Company
20. Connectivity Point
21. Systems Engineering
22. Port Harbor Marine
23. Bath Savings Institution
24. BlueTarp Financial
25. University Credit Union
26. Maine State Credit Union
27. FISC Solutions
28. Midcoast Federal Credit Union
29. DSCI
30. Franklin Savings Bank and Western Mountain Financial Services
31. Day's Jewelers
32. Jøtul North America
33. Maine Savings Federal Credit Union
34. CashStar, Inc.
35. SymQuest Group, Inc.
36. Harriman
37. GreenPages Technology Solutions
38. The Nonantum Resort
39. Nurse Anesthesia of Maine
40. Five County Credit Union
41. Plixer
42. Skowhegan Savings Bank

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

1. Sage Data Security LLC
2. TruChoice FCU
3. Portland Webworks, Inc.
4. Kennebec Federal Savings
5. Albin, Randall & Bennett, CPAs
6. Payroll Management Inc.
7. Bangor Federal Credit Union
8. Landry/French Construction Company
9. Pierce
10. MPX
11. Finance Authority of Maine
12. Hall Internet Marketing
13. PeoplesChoice Credit Union
14. Strategic Media, Inc.
15. Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union
16. Lebel & Harriman, LLP
17. GHM Insurance
18. Oxford Federal Credit Union
19. Hydro International

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--Edward Jones #1 Large Business) From left to right—Amie Parker, Director Elect for MESHHRM; Seth Chewten and Pete Neelon, Edward Jones and Dana Connors, Maine State Chamber President

(Photo 2-- Patriot Subaru #1 Medium Business) From left to right-- Amie Parker, Director Elect for MESHHRM; Craig Redegeld, Jennifer Davis, Glen Roed of Patriot Subaru and Dana Connors, Maine State Chamber President

(Photo 3—Sage Data Security #1 Small Business) From left to right-- Amie Parker, Director Elect for MESHHRM; Rick Simonds and Greg Mitchell of Sage Data Security and Dana Connors, Maine State Chamber President

Photos of all companies on the list available upon request.