



DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2013 - EMPLOYER AWARDS

**Sponsored by the Joint Community and Government Committee
on Disability and Employment Issues**

Attention Community Members and Employment Service Providers:

We are requesting your participation in a celebration of Manitoba employers who practice diversity in the hiring and promotion of persons with disabilities. These employers see the skills of an employee and do not let an individual's disability become a barrier to success in the workplace. Please help us acknowledge the business owners, managers, supervisors, human resource workers and others who have created opportunities for job seekers with disabilities and who are "Champions of Diversity."

The Employers Awards Event will take place on Wednesday, October 30th, 2013, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in The Rotunda of the Manitoba Legislative Building, 450 Broadway, Winnipeg, MB. We are pleased to welcome Honourable Jennifer Howard, Minister of Family Services and Labour and Minister responsible for Persons with Disabilities as the co-host of the event, along with Brian Stewart, the Co-chair of the Joint Community and Government Committee on Disability and Employment Issues.

This year's Employer Reception concludes a series of events planned for Manitoba's Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM), October 2013. The goal of DEAM is "to celebrate the contributions of individuals with disabilities to our workplaces and communities, and to promote the employment of individuals with disabilities to create a better, more inclusive Manitoba." For more information about DEAM, and opportunities to participate, please see: www.deam-mb.ca

Attached, please find a Nomination Form that will be used to evaluate nominations and to contact the nominees. Please ensure to complete the form, including the reasons for the nomination and the name, title and contact information of the employer. Please note, this award will be presented to an individual rather than a firm, so an individual must be identified.

The Disabilities Issues Office (DIO) is assisting the Joint Community and Government Committee on Disability and Employment Issues in gathering nominations. Please send your response to Brian Stewart at stewartreach@brianstewart.ca or if you have questions, call 1-204-785-2619. Or, contact Tracy MacMillan at the DIO at Tracy.MacMillan@gov.mb.ca or call at 204-945-7613. The deadline is **Friday, September 27, 2013.**

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Real time captioning will be available; let us know in advance if you require other accommodations to participate. Please help us create a scent-free environment.

Thank you for taking this opportunity to recognize employers with inclusive hiring practices.

Yours truly,

Brian Stewart
Community Co-chair



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EMPLOYER AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

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Nominator Contact Information:

Name: _____

Agency (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer:

Name of employer e.g. supervisor: _____

Place of employment (business name): _____

Job Title: _____

Location: _____

Employer Contact Information:

Mailing Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer's Role:

Business Owner [] Human Resource Consultant [] Department Manager []
Educator [] Other []

REASON FOR NOMINATION:

How has the employer enhanced opportunities and provided work place accommodations for persons with disabilities?

How has the employer acknowledged the skills of persons with disabilities in the workplace?

Please describe the working relationship you or your agency has with the employer.

Please share this information with friends and colleagues.

Please submit completed Nomination Forms to:

Brian Stewart at stewartreach@brianstewart.ca, or
Tracy MacMillan at Tracy.MacMillan@gov.mb.ca
by **Friday, September 20, 2013**