

The 19th Annual Governor's Employer Awards Program



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GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR EMPLOYER AWARDS

19th Annual Governor's Employer Awards Event to be held in October

The Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment and the Washington State Business Leadership Network are calling for nominations of employers who deserve recognition for their achievements in providing employment for people with disabilities. The Governor's Employer Awards Program honors private and public sector employers of all sizes. This year's event will be hosted by Microsoft, a previous recipient, and held in October on the Redmond Campus.

Nominations can be made at <http://tinyurl.com/gov-nom>, until August 21st. Self nominations are encouraged.

Awards are for companies and organizations who have made extra efforts to include and support individuals with disabilities through recruitment, hiring, and job retention. Strong candidates for the Governor's Employer Awards demonstrate practices that make them role models to the broader community.

In 2008, Employer Award winners included: Coastal Candies and Gifts, The River Casino, Inc., Eurest Dining Services, Eastern Washington Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Skills, Inc., Clark County Government, and the WA State Department of Social & Health Services. The Carolyn Brown Governor's Trophy was presented to two individuals, Randy Revelle and Brenda Carlstrom, for their exceptional contributions that have led to the empowerment of people with disabilities in the community and the workforce.

The Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment advises the governor, legislature and other policy-makers on issues important to people who have disabilities. The Washington State Business Leadership Network is a business-to-business initiative providing education and support on hiring, retaining, and improving customer service for people with disabilities.

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