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**Boise Winners of the 2009 Alfred P. Sloan Awards for Business Excellence
Showcased at the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce Presentation**

On Wednesday, October 21, 2009 eight local businesses and organizations were presented with the 2009 Alfred P. Sloan Awards for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility. Hosted by the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by The Human Resources Association of the Treasure Valley, these organizations were selected for this prestigious award for successfully incorporating flexibility practices in their workplace to meet both employer and employee goals and objectives. Based on an application and scoring process administrated by the Families and Work Institute, this award is specifically designed to “assess the overall culture of flexibility in the workplace, and what is actually available to employees, by incorporating employer and employee responses.”

This year’s awards were presented by Bill Connors, President/CEO at the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce and Patricia Kempthorne, Executive Director and Founder of the Twiga Foundation, an organization that works in partnership with the Families and Work Institute and The Institute for a Competitive Workforce at the US Chamber of Commerce. This year’s award recipients were:

American Geotechnics
Boise Rescue Mission
Deloitte & Touche LLP
Givens Pursley LLP
Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children
Idaho Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health
KPMG LLP
Trey McIntyre Project

Guest speakers at this year’s awards included a video from Senator Mike Crapo, presenters from Detroit, Phoenix, Long Beach and Houston via web conferencing, and Kathleen Lingle who leads the Alliance for Work-Life Progress. Kathleen’s presentation, “Ensuring Healthier Workplaces” addressed the changing social, labor, economic and demographic challenges facing today’s employers and employees and how workplace flexibility is emerging as a “genuine power tool” for enhancing recruitment, retention, engagement and innovation.

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