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## **National Association For Business Resources Announces Houston's Best And Brightest Companies To Work For™ Winners**

Sept. 17, 2013 - Houston, TX- Companies that excel at employee relations, use innovation to motivate employees, implement creative compensation programs and more will be recognized by the National Association for Business Resources (NABR) at the [“Houston's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For”](#) symposium and awards luncheon on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at the Bella Elegante located at 300 Milam St. in Houston.

This year's winners practice innovative strategies and represent best practices in industries as diverse as energy, medical, financial services and nonprofit. (See the following list of honorees.)

An independent research firm evaluates each company's entry based on key measures in various categories. They include Compensation, Benefits and Employee Solutions; Employee Enrichment, Engagement and Retention; Employee Education and Development; Recruitment, Selection and Orientation; Employee Achievement and Recognition; Communication and Shared Vision; Diversity and Inclusion; Work-Life Balance; Community Initiatives and Strategic Company Performance.

The winning companies also vie for three elite awards; “The Best of the Best Overall,” “The Best of the Best Medium Business Overall” and “The Best of the Best Small Business Overall.” The elite award winners will be announced during the awards ceremony.

The symposium and awards program will begin with registration, networking, continental breakfast and peer exchange at 8:30 a.m. Certified educational workshops will follow at 9:15 a.m. The topics of this year's sessions will include “Advanced Culture Identification – Setting Yourself up to Hire the Best Talent” and a keynote address “The Six Most Dangerous Retention Mistakes Most Companies Are Making.” The luncheon and awards ceremony begins at 11:45 a.m. Bill Balleza from KPRC Local 2 News will serve as the emcee for the awards presentation.

“Profitability and stability is essential for businesses in today's economic climate. Companies that recognize that their employees are the key to their success achieve staying power. Our 2013 winners create their human resource practices to ensure employee satisfaction and they set standards for every business to aspire toward,” said Jennifer Kluge, NABR president. “We are proud to honor this year's winners.”

Tickets for the Workforce Symposium and Awards Luncheon are \$160 for individuals and \$1,500 for tables of 10. To host an exhibit booth, the cost is \$350 and includes two event tickets. “Houston's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For” is sponsored by the National Association for Business Resources, Ryan LLC, Basic, *Price of Business* and *Corp!* magazine.

Sponsorships are still available. Contact the National Association for Business Resources at 866.321.1822 or visit [www.101bestandbrightest.com](http://www.101bestandbrightest.com) to register or for more information.

The “101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For” a program of the National Association for Business Resources, is presented annually in Detroit, Chicago, Atlanta, Houston, Grand Rapids and now Nationally. Nominations are now being accepted for 2014. Visit [www.101bestandbrightest.com](http://www.101bestandbrightest.com) to obtain an application.

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*The National Association For Business Resources based in Warren, Mich. boasts a sphere of influence that no other organization of its kind can claim, leveraging a depth of programs and community initiatives that positively impact more than 150,000 businesses.*

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## Houston's Best and Brightest Companies To Work For 2013 Winners

*Of the hundreds of nominations received, the companies listed below met the criteria as a  
"Best and Brightest Company to Work For"*

Abacus Plumbing LLC	iOffice
ADP	Iscential
American Electric Technologies, Inc.	Kelly S Mathews
Aon	Keystone Resources
ARCADIS U.S.	Kuraray America
Ashley Ellis	Lasco Enterprises, LLC
Asset Plus Companies	Logical Innovations, Inc.
Benchmark Hospitality International	Medical Research Consultants
Black Elk Energy	My Flooring Texas
Blinds.com	New Tech Carr Environmental Group
Champion Energy Services	New Tech Global
City of Nassau Bay	Noah Consulting
Conway MacKenzie	Obsidian Technical Communication
CORE Communications	Office Gemini
Cram Crew	Patrick Henry Creative Promotions, Inc.
Crane Worldwide Logistics	Pop Labs Inc
Crime Stoppers	PCO Div II, Inc.
Dean's Professional Services	Protiviti, Inc.
Elliott Group	Riverway Business Services, Inc.
Employer Flexible	Roberts Markel Weinberg PC
English + Associates Architects, Inc.	Ryan, LLC
Entrance Software	Sandcastle Homes
ESE Partners	Stout Risius Ross, Inc.
Excalibur Exhibits	Studley, Inc.
GAAP Financial Services	Sun Coast Resources
Gables Residential	The Frontline Group
GBH CPAs, PC	The Reach Group
Gunda	TopSpot Internet Marketing
Hotze Health & Wellness Center	Valassis
Houston Marketing Firm	West Houston Assistance Ministries, Inc.
Houston West Chamber of Commerce	Xcution
hrQ	Xvand Technology Corp
Intellicure	