



Nomination Process Now Open for 2010 USBLN® Annual Leadership Awards

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WASHINGTON, DC (July 26, 2010) - The US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®) is pleased to announce the opening of the nomination process for their **2010 USBLN® Annual Leadership Awards**. The purpose of the 2010 USBLN® Annual Leadership Awards is to further the USBLN® mission of identifying leading disability workplace, market place and supply chain practices in use today. These awards provide the metrics by which our Volunteers, Partners, Employers and BLNs are recognized for their demonstration of outstanding commitment to promoting disability diversity across the enterprise. Award recipients clearly embody the highest ethical standards and values in our community.

The awards will recognize leaders in seven categories including:

- **[USBLN® Affiliate of the Year](#)**

The outstanding BLN Affiliate of the Year is one that has demonstrated exemplary efforts in promoting the vision, mission and spirit of the USBLN®. As a result of this BLN Affiliate's efforts, employers and their communities understand, utilize, and benefit from the valuable resources that people with disabilities present in the workplace, marketplace and supply chain.

- **[USBLN® Lead Employer of the Year](#)**

The outstanding Lead Employer award is presented to the lead employer of a BLN Affiliate that has provided exemplary service to ensure the mission, vision, and the spirit of the USBLN® is carried out.

- **[USBLN® Partner of the Year](#)**

The outstanding Partner award is given to a governmental organization, non-profit organization or rehabilitation provider agency demonstrating exemplary service in partnership with the local or state BLN(s).

- **[USBLN® Volunteer of the Year](#)**

The Volunteer award is presented to the volunteer who has provided exemplary service, positive impact and longevity to ensure the mission, vision, and the spirit of the BLN movement is carried forth, nationally, regionally or locally.

- **[USBLN® Supplier Diversity Corporation of the Year](#)**

The Supplier Diversity Corporation award is presented to the employer that has demonstrated outstanding inclusion of disability-owned businesses in their corporate supplier diversity program.

- **[USBLN® Employee Resource Group \(ERG\) of the Year](#)**

The Employee Resource Group (ERG) award is presented to the national ERG leader(s) and Executive Level Sponsors of the ERG that has demonstrated exemplary strategies that have advanced disability inclusiveness in the workplace, marketplace and supply chain.

- **[USBLN® Market Share Corporation of the Year](#)**

The Market Share Corporation of the Year award is presented to the employer that has demonstrated exceptional products and/or services to benefit the disability community.

Nomination forms are now available in Word document format via the links listed above for each category. **The deadline for nominee submissions is August 11, 2010 at 5:00 pm EDT.** Organizations are welcomed to self-nominate and may submit nominations for multiple categories for consideration; however, one form per category must be completed. Please submit nomination forms to: Anita Howard, USBLN® Senior Project Manager, at anita@usbln.org. Note that late submissions will not be accepted.

Award recipients will be selected by committee in mid-August and will be announced at the USBLN® 2010 Annual Conference & Expo in Chicago, Illinois on September 21 at the Westin Michigan Avenue Hotel. For more information or to register for the annual conference, visit: <http://www.usblnannualconference.org>.

About the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®)

The US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®) is the national disability organization that serves as the collective voice of over 60 Business Leadership Network affiliates across North America, representing over 5,000 employers. The USBLN® promotes the business imperative of the preparation and inclusion of people with disabilities in the workplace, marketplace, and supply chain while supporting the development and expansion of its BLN affiliates. The USBLN® recognizes and supports best practices in hiring and advancing employees with disabilities, marketing to consumers with disabilities, and encourages contracting with vendors with disabilities through the development and certification of disability-owned businesses. www.usbln.org

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