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Volunteer of the Year Awardees Announced

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Chicago area human resources professionals will recognize two of their own -- Becky Bacidore of Nicor Inc. and Lyndy Nierman of SSP-BPI Group -- as HRMAC Volunteers of the Year during HRMAC's premier event, SUMMIT 2008 on Wednesday, November 5, 2008. The Awards of Excellence were launched this year to recognize and honor exceptional leaders and volunteers. All awardees were nominated by a peer, reviewed by a committee of HRMAC members and approved by the Board of Directors.

Becky Bacidore has consistently modeled strong leadership in her many volunteer roles with HRMAC. She has held volunteer positions on the Board of Directors, with several committees and currently serves as chair of the Membership Committee. "Becky has been deeply involved in supporting such a wide variety of HRMAC activities that it's hard to categorize them. Suffice it to say, she wears her HRMAC passion on her sleeve. She is one of those rare people that make a difference in everything she touches and in giving back to the HR function," noted Board Chair, Bill Luehrs, NorthShore University HealthSystem.

Lyndy Nierman has a long tenure of contributing to the profession -- Human Resources -- in a variety of roles and capacities. At HRMAC she has been active on many committees, chaired a suburban interest group, and continues in her host role for the tri-annual new member breakfasts. "Lyndy is a non-stop HRMAC advocate. She is one of those people that always takes the call and can be counted on to deliver her support and commitments. She has a long rich history in the local HR community; this organization has benefited in so many ways from her active involvement across a multitude of HRMAC events," continued Luehrs.

In addition to the Volunteer of the Year Awards, a Leader of the Year Award is being presented to John Rooney, CEO, U.S. Cellular, for his ability to execute leading-edge human capital practices while realizing short- and long-term business success. He has identified the quality of the workforce as U.S. Cellular's strategic differentiator in the highly competitive telecommunications arena and tapped HR to lead the strategic direction.

SUMMIT 2008 is the largest annual gathering of human resources professionals in the Midwest and includes presentations by business and industry thought-leaders, a trade show and special events for young HR leaders and chief human resources officers. This year's event will kick off with a business

analysis by WTTW's political commentator, Joel Weisman, of the prior day's presidential elections. Over 800 Chicago area human resources professionals are expected to attend the event being held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont.

Since its founding in 1915, HRMAC has been leading the dialogue on workplace strategy, connecting HR leaders with the industry's best-in-class resources, and growing Chicago area companies and talent. With a membership of over 750 organizations and a network of more than 5,000 HR professionals, HRMAC's mission is to inspire workplace leadership by helping members share ideas, collaborate with peers and build new relationships. It is the oldest organization of its kind in the country and independent of other local, state or national organizations.

For more information on HRMAC, the Awards of Excellence and SUMMIT 2008, please visit our website at www.hrmac.org.