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## News Release

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### **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HONORS BUSINESSES FOR HEALTHY PRACTICES**

*Healthy Worksite award program in its eighth year*

COLUMBUS – Director Ted Wymyslo, M. D. of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Laura Ritzler, chair of the Healthy Ohio Business Council (HOBC), will recognize 34 Ohio businesses for healthy worksite practices during the eighth-annual Healthy Ohio - Healthy Worksite Awards.

The awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at noon at the Embassy Suites in Dublin during the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Health Action Council Kick-Off Conference. The conference features national experts on health reform, health care systems and health benefits including Andrew Webber, president and CEO of The National Business Coalition on Health and John J. Nance, JD, *New York Times* best-selling, award winning author.

A total of 97 companies, cities and townships applied for the 2011 awards which recognize Ohio employers that demonstrate a commitment to employee health through comprehensive worksite health promotion and wellness programs. The 2011 Healthy Ohio Worksite awards are sponsored by Medical Mutual of Ohio.

“Employee health and wellness efforts result in major benefits for both employer and employee,” said HOBC Chair Laura Ritzler. “Positive returns on investment are realized in employees who improve their health resulting in decreased rates of absenteeism and increased productivity. Employers also realize reductions in healthcare costs and an overall increase in productivity and job satisfaction.”

The 2011 Healthy Ohio - Healthy Worksite award recipients are:

#### **Gold Winners-Large Employers (3)**

1. Mount Carmel Health System- Franklin County
2. Akron Children’s Hospital- Summit County
3. TriHealth- Hamilton County

#### **Gold Winners-Small Employers (3)**

1. Technical Consumer Products, Inc.- Portage County
2. Main Street Gourmet- Summit County
3. Ericson Manufacturing- Lake County

**Silver Winners-Large Employers (5)**

1. Eaton Corporation- Cuyahoga/ Lake/ Lucas/Portage/Van Wert Counties
2. Union Hospital – Tuscarawas County
3. Adena Health System – Ross County
4. Nationwide Children’s Hospital – Franklin County
5. Whirlpool Corporation- Marion County

**Silver winners- Small Employers (4)**

1. Bricker & Eckler, LLP - Franklin County
2. Hahn Loeser Parks LLP- Cuyahoga/Franklin Counties
3. National Machine Co.- Summit County
4. OEConnection- Summit County

**Bronze winners- Large Employers (10)**

1. Cargill, Inc.-Shelby County
2. CareSource- Montgomery County
3. DMAX Ltd.- Montgomery County
4. Lake Health- Lake County
5. Wilson Memorial Hospital- Shelby County
6. Avery Dennison- Lake County
7. NK Parts Industries, Inc. - Shelby County
8. Youngstown State University-Mahoning County
9. Mercy Medical Center- Stark County
10. Parma Community General Hospital- Cuyahoga County

**Bronze winners- Small Employers (9)**

1. Lake Shore Cryotronics, Inc. – Delaware County
2. Standard Textile Co., Inc.- Hamilton County
3. GE Aviation Peebles- Adams County
4. Schumacher Homes- Stark County
5. SGS Tool Co.-Summit County
6. Coleman Professional Services – Allen/Auglaize/ Hardin/Portage/Summit/Stark Counties
7. LifeCare Alliance - Franklin County
8. Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library - Ross County
9. Sika Corporation- Marion County

Anyone interested in registering for the Health Action Council’s Columbus Kick-Off Conference can do so at: <https://www.hacohio.org/invite.asp>.

More information on the application and process can be found here: <http://bit.ly/uC2OM3>.