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**Sausage Carts, Tuition Reimbursement, Xboxes, and Unlimited Sick Days:**

NH Businesses for Social Responsibility and Business NH Magazine

Share the Secrets of NH's Best Companies to Work For



Manchester, NH (January 30, 2013): New Hampshire is home to many innovative and successful companies – but from an employee's perspective, what are the best companies to work for? NH Businesses for Social Responsibility (NHBSR) and Business NH Magazine are singling out the companies whose employees love their jobs, have great benefits, are treated fairly and take pride in the work they do. The top ten large and small companies to work for will be celebrated at the Breakfast With The Best event on February 13 in Manchester.

Breakfast With The Best is an interactive forum allowing attendees to learn what makes the top ten companies in New Hampshire stand out as the best places to work. This year's event will have the added input of interactive polling. Attendees will be able to weigh in on polls and submit questions via their phones or iPads, making it possible for attendees to be the moderators. Jenny Levy, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility at Hypertherm, Inc., a multi-year winner of the Top 5 Large Companies and Hall of Fame categories says that she and her peers learn new ideas every year by coming to the event.

Top Companies to Work For include both traditional and quirky programs. The benefits of working at these companies include tuition reimbursement, unlimited sick days, financial counseling, and paid volunteer time. Quirky perks include Xboxes and video games in the employee lounge, 90-minute lunch breaks for gym rats, an annual all-you-can-eat lobster roll festival, and an occasional visit from a sausage cart.

The list of top companies includes Bellwether Community Credit Union in Manchester. Bellwether employs 85 Granite Staters and is leading the way when it comes to community involvement. The bank was the first company involved in the Red Cross "Ready when the Time Comes" program where groups are trained and on call to man shelters during ice storms and other disasters. Employees logged 2,000 community service hours in 2011, an average of 23.5 hours a year per person. Other top companies include Olympus Biotech in West Lebanon, Lonza Biologics and PixelMEDIA, Inc. in Portsmouth, and Digital Prospectors Corporation in Exeter.

The panel of judges selected this year's winners from a strong pool of candidates. Applicants underwent a rigorous selection process including site visits and interviews. "The winners of the Best Companies competition really stand out with innovative benefit programs that address their

employees needs, and employees demonstrated their dedication to and pride in their employers during the interview process.” says Michelle Veasey, Executive Director of NHBSR.

Breakfast With The Best will take place on February 13, 2013 the Radisson Hotel in Manchester. Tickets are available at [www.eventsNH.com](http://www.eventsNH.com). For more information call 603-626-6354.

#### ABOUT NHBSR

New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility is a member-based non-profit organization that fosters socially and environmentally responsible business in New Hampshire, realizing that people, principles and profits must be linked. More information on NHBSR can be found at [nhbsr.org](http://nhbsr.org).

#### ABOUT BUSINESS NH MAGAZINE

*Business NH Magazine* was started in 1983 as New Hampshire's first statewide monthly business publication. Today, the magazine is known for its in-depth business coverage, special reports and directories, and competitions that celebrate the strength of the state's business community. It continues to be NH's only monthly business publication with a readership of 50,000 key decision-makers and business leaders.

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