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Northwest Staffing Resources Named One of Washington's Best Workplaces by Puget Sound Business Journal

2008 Finalists honored and winners announced at special event on August 13

SEATTLE, WA — June 27, 2008 — Northwest Staffing Resources, with branches in Bellevue and Kent, Wash., was named as one of the finalists for Washington's Best Workplaces by the Puget Sound Business Journal. The program was launched last year to identify and recognize best practices in the hiring and retention of great people. After an extensive and rigorous process, which included more than 300 nominees and the completion of surveys by nominee-company employees across the state, workplaces in four different categories have been identified as Washington's best, based on their various employee benefit offerings, leadership culture and work/life balance philosophies. In total, 65 companies have made the grade as finalists.

Founded in 1985, Northwest Staffing Resources is a privately owned and operated temporary, temp-to-hire and direct hire staffing organization. The company provides broad-based staffing services to the West Coast's premier companies in a wide range of industries including insurance, financial services, manufacturing & distribution, legal, information technology, medical, dental and government. Northwest Staffing Resources offers one of the most comprehensive benefits programs in the staffing industry. Its excellent benefits packages increase commitment and longevity in its pool of temporary employees, as well as its long-term staff.

"It is a tremendous honor to be recognized as one of Washington's best workplaces," said Molly Kalomiris, general manager of Northwest Staffing Resources. "A strong, vibrant company culture is critical to our success and we work hard every day to create an environment committed to excellence, our employees, and our customers. This award recognizes the commitment and talent of our employees and we couldn't be more pleased."

"Work-force development has never been more important — or more difficult — than it is in today's global economy," said Emory Thomas Jr., publisher of the Business Journal. "We believe the Business Journal, as the Puget Sound area's top source of business information, has an important role to play in drawing attention to innovations and excellence in the management of our region's No. 1 resource: its people."

The finalists — 20 small companies, 20 medium-sized companies, 20 large companies, and five nonprofits — will be celebrated at a one-of-a-kind awards event at Safeco Field on Aug. 13. Honorees and the public alike are invited to come cheer for the workplace accomplishments of these companies from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The celebration will include ballpark food and drink, walking the bases, caricatures by award-winning Business Journal cartoonist Milt Priggee, speed pitching, and an awards presentation. The company with the greatest number of employees present will win a suite at a future Seattle Mariners game.

For more information, visit: www.wabestworkplaces.com

About Northwest Staffing Resources

Northwest Staffing Resources (NSR) was founded in May 1985 with the purpose of providing broad-based staffing services to the West Coast's premier companies. A privately owned and operated temporary, temp-to-hire and direct hire staffing organization, Northwest Staffing Resources has grown from a local business in Portland, Ore. to a regional West Coast company with multiple offices in Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho. NSR specialty divisions include Legal Northwest and Resource Staffing Group. The company's customer base includes large and small companies in a broad array of industries. Northwest Staffing Resources has ranked on *Oregon Business* magazine's Top 100 Best Companies to Work For in Oregon in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. For more information on Northwest Staffing Resources, visit: www.nwstaffing.com.

About Puget Sound Business Journal is the region's premier source of business information, serving an unparalleled audience of business and community leaders. In addition to the weekly newspaper, the Business Journal provides daily updates via its web site and email alerts. The company also plays a vital role in bringing the area's leadership community together by hosting a wide variety of events throughout the year, from the Washington's Best Workplaces event at Safeco Field to the annual 100 Fastest Growing Companies celebration to the Women of Influence awards event. Puget Sound Business Journal is a unit of American City Business Journals, which operates 41 local business newspapers throughout the United States. Visit Puget Sound Business Journal on the web at www.pugetsoundbusinessjournal.com.

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