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Business Award Nominations Open through October 1st *Bureau of Labor and Industries to present 4th Annual Business Leadership Awards*

PORTLAND- The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) and state Labor and Industries Commissioner Brad Avakian are reminding Oregonians that nominations for the 4th Annual BOLI Business Leadership Awards remain open through October 1, 2012. Nominations are easy to submit: just email BOLI_BizAwards@state.or.us with:

- The nominator's name and contact information;
- The nominated employer, including their website and a contact person and reliable contact information; and
- How the nominee has demonstrated leadership in its commitment to fair workplaces, protecting civil rights in the community and/or developing a stronger workforce.

BOLI Business Leadership Awards are considered in three categories: Civil Rights Champion, Fair Workplace Champion, and Workforce Development Champion. Nominees must be businesses or non-profit employers currently operating primarily within Oregon, or with headquarters in Oregon. While business owners may not nominate their own company, they and any other Oregonian are encouraged to nominate an outstanding employer for one, or more than one, category of award.

“Oregon is fortunate to have many great employers who are great supporters of their workers and their local communities,” Avakian said. “Winning one of these awards, and the assortment of prizes from BOLI’s Technical Assistance for Employers Program that accompany it, attests to the positive investments that an employer is making in Oregon’s economy.”

Avakian created the BOLI Business Leadership Awards in 2009 to recognize the good work that Oregon’s employers do every day for the community, their workers, and the future of Oregon’s economy. Champions recognized in previous years include such diverse operations as Columbia River Bar Pilots in Astoria, Continental Mills in Pendleton, Dogs for the Deaf in Medford and Hawthorne Auto Clinic in SE Portland.

Visit www.oregon.gov/BOLI for more information about all of BOLI’s work to support employers, the workforce and a stronger economy.

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