



Eleven Minnesota employers recognized as innovators in employing people with developmental disabilities

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(ST. PAUL) – Eleven Minnesota businesses and agencies were recognized Oct. 1 by the Minnesota Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD) for their innovative approaches toward employing people with developmental disabilities.

The recipients are:

- Byerly’s Golden Valley
- Coborn’s Buffalo Store
- Culver’s – Stillwater
- Learning Blocks Childcare – Elk River
- Minnesota Housing – St. Paul
- Natural Resource Group, LLC – Minneapolis
- NLFX – Bemidji
- Noble Parkway Mobil – Brooklyn Park
- Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District – White Bear Lake
- Sefar Printing Solutions Inc. – Arden Hills
- University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine – St. Paul

Examples of employer innovation include:

- Unique type of job or work
- Recognition of employee’s unique skills or abilities
- Innovative use of technologies
- Approach to including employees as part of the greater work teams or employee groups
- Other creative or innovative accommodations

Profiles of the 11 recipients, selected from among 45 nominees, will be available after the awards presentation on the GCDD website, www.mnddc.org.

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