

In the News

Good things are happening to businesses throughout the Detroit Region.

in the United States and serving the commercial market. Best Companies Group, an independent workplace excellence research firm, conducted the in-depth survey and assessment.

In 2009, McGraw Wentworth, an employee group benefits broker serving the health care, wellness, and compliance needs of mid-size employers, ranked first among the Small Agents/Brokers (fewer than 250 employees) on the national list. Of the 2010 list, McGraw Wentworth is the only Michigan-based firm dedicated solely to employee group benefits.

Butzel Long has been selected to receive the 2010 Corporate ONE Award from the Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council (MMSDC). The Corporate ONE Awards Ceremony will be held in conjunction with the MMSDC Supplier Diversity Summit. This prestigious honor recognizes corporate members who are fully engaged and supportive of MMSDC and its mission. "It is an honor for Butzel Long to be recognized by the Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council," said Arthur Dudley II, secretary and director of the MMSDC and an attorney and shareholder, Butzel Long. "The Council is the leading Michigan organization providing business opportunities and certification services to minority business enterprises."

Identity Marketing & Public Relations, a fully integrated public relations agency, has earned a spot on the Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing private companies in the country for the fourth consecutive year. Firm principal Paul Kesman made the announcement. "Growth only happens when you are committed to it," said Kesman. "By creating a 'fully integrated' model and providing our clients with the full range of resources and expertise that are required to achieve their marketing objectives we have demonstrated that commitment. We are pleased to be recognized for the growth that has resulted."

The **Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA)** has announced that Gregory A. Nowak, CPA, JD, has been elected as the chair of its board for 2010-2011. The announcement was made by MACPA President and CEO, Peggy Dzierzawski, CAE. Nowak is a principal in the Detroit office of the international law firm of **Miller Canfield**. One of Michigan's leading experts on state and local tax issues, he focuses his practice on structural tax planning and state tax issues. He has represented major companies on multistate tax issues and recently served as a technical advisor to the House Taxation Committee in connection with drafting the Michigan Business Tax legislation.

Medical Network One, a Rochester, Michigan-based physician's organization and provider of comprehensive health management support programs and interventions offered through physicians, clinicians, health plans, employers, community groups and directly to individuals, is pleased to announce that Al Juocys, D.O., Medical Network One's founding physician and Chief Medical Officer, has received a Crain's Detroit Business 2010 Healthcare Heroes honorable mention award for his leadership with the Community Care Travel Team. Dr. Juocys was recognized in the Advancement in Health Care category and was featured in the Aug. 9 issue of Crain's Detroit Business.

GalaxE.Solutions, Inc., a leading IT company specializing in the design and implementation of custom software solutions, has achieved a Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI@) Maturity Level 3 rating from the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) of Carnegie Mellon University. The announcement was made by Tim Bryan, Chairman and CEO of GalaxE.Solutions. An ISO: 9001, 27001 company, GalaxE received the CMMI ML 3 rating for Application Development, Maintenance and Production support for its U.S. and India operations. "We recognized early the need for establishing and managing to CMMI Level 3 standards to enable us to support our clients' critical business requirements to their fullest extent," said Bryan. "Our existing best practices and industry certifications have facilitated this being achieved rapidly. While we continue to seek higher maturity/capability levels, this rating is significant, in particular, to our healthcare work considering the needs of HIPAA, 21-CFR-Part11 and other regulatory standards."

Skidmore Studio of Royal Oak recently welcomed a new senior graphic designer to their team of 20 in-house creatives. This addition, which comes as a result of recent growth in the studio's client roster, adds a valuable talent to the studio's team of designers, illustrators, retouchers and motion graphics artists.

Skidmore's newest hire, Shawn McConnell, is an experienced designer who has worked with some of the area's most prominent organizations. At Skidmore, Shawn will develop print and interactive marketing collateral for a range of Skidmore's corporate, agency and non-profit clients. In this role, he will be charged with developing brand identity systems and communications programs with collateral including brochures, publications, exhibit designs and web sites. Prior to joining Skidmore, Shawn operated McConnell Creative, a design group

of independent freelancers, which he founded in 2004. Shawn attended Detroit's Center for Creative Studies (now College for Creative Studies) and previously worked as a lead graphic designer for Compuware and as design director for a Detroit-based marketing company.

Reaffirming its commitment to metropolitan Detroit and Michigan while finding new avenues for growth, **Doeren Mayhew** announced a merger with Houston-based CPA and consulting firm TR Moore & Company, P.C. The merger combines two of the firms on INSIDE Public Accounting's annual "Best of the Best" list. The merger will allow for Doeren Mayhew to add energy to its list of serviced industries while TR Moore & Company's clients will benefit by having access to more resources including international tax, corporate finance, strategic planning, wealth management and payroll processing. Doeren Mayhew will remain headquartered in Troy and will now have 245 employees in two states.

Lawrence G. (L.G.) Almeda, a shareholder in the Ann Arbor office of **Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione**, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the U.S., is a recipient of CORP magazine's Salute to Diversity award. The diversity winners were selected in three categories: Diversity Focused Company, a company that clearly defines and monitors diversity success and demonstrates how diversity efforts add value to the company; Diversity Business Leader, an individual who is a diversity role model or top officer of a minority-owned business; and Diversity Champion, a nonprofit or community organization that creates or promotes special programming, education or other initiatives that focus on diversity.

Automation Alley announced the finalists for its 10th Annual Awards Gala.

Finalists for the Gala represent the leading technology professionals and organizations in the region, including:

CEO of the Year

- Daniel J. Loepp, president & CEO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (Detroit)

- Prabhakar Patil, CEO, Compact Power, Inc. (Troy)

- Mark Symonds, president & CEO, Plex Systems (Auburn Hills)

Emerging Leader of the Year

- Saylor X. Frase, president & CEO, Nuspire Networks (Commerce Township)

- Damian Gardley, director of sales, Compact Power, Inc. (Troy)

- Dale D. Royal, chairman & CEO, Unitask (Bloomfield Hills)