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## 2008 Work/Life Award Winners Announced – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual List of Utah's Best Companies

SALT LAKE CITY—The Utah Department of Workforce Services is proud to announce the winners of the 2008 Utah Work/Life Awards. For the tenth consecutive year, companies dedicated to creating exceptional workplaces and successful businesses by effectively addressing employee work/life needs have been selected. Awards are presented in three size categories: Micro (fewer than 50 employees), Medium (50-500) and Large (over 500). Recognized nationwide for the rigorous evaluation and application process, the Utah Work/Life Award is Utah's premier workplace excellence award.

The winners of the 2008 Work/Life Awards are:

### **MICRO (fewer than 50 employees)**

- 1 Cirque Corporation
- 2 Fehr & Peers
- 3 Petzl America
- 4 The Intrepid Group
- 5 Utah Foster Care Foundation

### **MEDIUM ( 50-500 employees)**

- 1 Cooper Roberts Simonsen Assoc.
- 2 Forever Green
- 3 Futura Industries
- 4 Intermountain Financial Group
- 5 MVCI Owner Services
- 6 Software Technology Group
- 7 The Leavitt Group
- 8 TURN Community Services
- 9 Westminster College

### **LARGE (over 500 employees)**

- 1 1-800 Contacts, Inc.
- 2 **ARUP Laboratories**
- 3 Citi Cards
- 4 Comcast
- 5 Mountain America Credit Union
- 6 Nicholas & Co., Inc.
- 7 USANA Health Sciences



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“This is our tenth anniversary year, and we had 188 companies apply for the award. As part of our statewide work/life initiative, we had some educational events this year like Best Practice Tours, and many new companies have become involved,” said Lynette Rasmussen, Director of the Department of Workforce Services’ Office of Work & Family Life. “Every year this award gets harder and harder to win. The success of Work/Life Award-winning companies shows up in many forms, including improved productivity, customer relations, retention, recruitment and marketing.”

The Utah Work/Life Awards showcase employer best practices and provide an on-going forum for outstanding companies to exchange ideas and collaborate on challenges.

Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. will present the Awards at the annual Work/Life Awards Celebration on July 16, 2008. The event will be held at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City. Leading companies from around the state will enjoy educational workshops and the opportunity to engage in best practice exchanges. The Celebration is open to the public and any interested companies are encouraged to attend. To register or for more information, please call the Work/Life Award Team at (801) 526-4321 or visit [jobs.utah.gov](http://jobs.utah.gov) and click on ‘Work/Life Awards’.

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