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**Eighteen Local Organizations Recognized
For Great Workplace Flexibility On Aug. 6**

Seattle—Aug 4, 2009— Work life balance seems to be holding its own in the midst of one of the worst recessions since the 1930s, according to a recent national study by the Families and Work Institute. Conducted in May 2009, the survey of 400 employers found that 81% have maintained flexible work arrangements. An additional 13% have increased their workplace flexibility.

In the greater Seattle area, nineteen businesses have been recently selected as winners of the **Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility**. This award—part of the *When Works Work* initiative, an ongoing project of the *Families and Work Institute*, the *Institute for a Competitive Workplace* and the *Twiga Foundation*—is presented each year to companies that have set the standard in flexible work practices. These practices include options such as compressed work weeks, job-sharing, sabbaticals, customized benefits and telecommuting.

Seattle is one of 30 communities nationwide selected to host and participate in the *When Work Works* initiative.

The Alfred P. Sloan Awards for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility will be presented locally by the **Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce** and the **Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County** at the **Washington Athletic Club** on **Thursday, Aug. 6** from **noon to 1:30 p.m.** and will recognize the following organizations:

FINALISTS:

- Bader Martin, P.S
- TeleCommunication Systems Inc.
- Seattle Hospitality Group
- Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc.
- Puget Sound Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology
- Blue Gecko
- WithinReach
- Technology Services Company, Inc.
- The Alford Group
- Compendium Inc.
- Washington Policy Center
- Prolumina
- NRG::Seattle
- BECU
- Workforce Development Council Snohomish County
- Worktank Enterprises
- Deloitte LLP
- MHT Insurance

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