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MINNESOTA COUNCIL FOR QUALITY RECOGNIZES MEMBERS

The Minnesota Council for Quality, Minnetonka, recognizes the following individual and organization members for the second quarter of 2003 (asterisks indicate renewal members):

Alexandria Extrusion Company, Alexandria*
Anagram International, Eden Prairie
Dean Andrew, St. Paul
Bluefire Partners, Minneapolis
EHS Management Partners, Shorewood
Carol Harris, Minneapolis
Hutchinson Technology Inc., Hutchinson
Joshua Tree Consulting, Eagan
Kaposia, Inc., St. Paul
Mayo Clinic Quality Office, Rochester
Trish McGovern, Minneapolis
Memorial Blood Centers of Minnesota, Minneapolis
Minnesota Department of Revenue, St. Paul*
MnSCU Office of the Chancellor/SOQS Committee, St. Paul
Padilla Speer Beardsley, Minneapolis
Path, Incorporated, St. Paul
Quantum Performance Group, Palmyra, NY
Sathe & Associates Executive Search, Minneapolis
Rick Shomion, St. Paul*
Strategic Solutions Exchange Group, Bloomington
The Solutions Exchange, Minnetonka
Unisys Twin Cities, Roseville

Special recognition of support goes to Hutchinson Technology from Hutchinson, Minnesota. As a Sponsoring Member, Hutchinson's contribution helps support lower, more affordable memberships for individuals and smaller organizations. "Hutchinson has been a long-time supporter of the Council's mission, and we thank them for their membership," says Brian Lassiter, president. "Not only will their contribution benefit the employees of Hutchinson Technology, but it will help the Council continue to find ways to execute our vision of helping organizations in Greater Minnesota."

Membership in the Council not only supports quality and performance excellence in the state of Minnesota, but also provides members access and discounts to Council services as well as discounts to Council partner services. As of June 30, the Council had 100 individual and organization memberships that account for over 21,000 employees throughout the state.

About the Minnesota Council for Quality

Founded in 1987, the Minnesota Council for Quality is a non-profit that helps organizations improve performance and competitiveness. The Council's primary service is a comprehensive organizational assessment that identifies strengths and improvement opportunities and serves as the foundation for the Minnesota Quality Award. In addition, the Council brokers improvement-related resources, information, knowledge, and best practices within and between Minnesota organizations. For more information, please visit our improvement Clearinghouse at www.councilforquality.org.

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