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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 third quarter of 2003 (asterisks indicate renewal members):

Accomplir LLC, Hackensack
Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester*
Tim Bloudek, Eden Prairie*
Cargill Business Excellence Department, Minnetonka
Celestica-Minnesota, Rochester
Chaska District 112 Admin Team, Chaska*
Colder Products, St. Paul*
David Cowan, Mankato
Db Ink, Big Lake*
Direct Response Insurance Administrative Services, Inc. (DRIASI), Chanhassen*
Douglas Watsabaugh Consulting, Eden Prairie
Kathleen Ganter, Minneapolis
Gary Floss, New Brighton*
Governor's Council on Development Disabilities (DD Council), St. Paul*
Hennepin County District Court Administration Dept, Minneapolis*
Huberty Performance Learning, Minneapolis*
Diana Huseth, Minneapolis*
George Karayianes, Eden Prairie
Logic Opera, Minneapolis
Micro-Tech Hearing Instruments, Plymouth*
Minnesota Army National Guard Corporate Office, Cottage Grove*
Robert Mitchell, Maplewood
PDI Organizational Solutions Group, St. Paul
PDP Services, Richfield*
Quality Culture Institute, Rochester*
Quality Software Technologies, Rochester
Quest Analytical, Inc., Eden Prairie*
Rewarding Reporting, Inc., Eden Prairie
Rochester Area Math and Science Partnership (RAMSP), Rochester*
S Mark, Inc., Oakdale
Schwarz Williams Companies, Inc., Golden Valley
Strategic Innovation Partnerships, St. Paul*
SW & Associates, Minneapolis
Tetra Pak Carton Chilled Inc. IQe Department, Minneapolis
University of Minnesota - Duluth ASSL, Duluth*
University of Minnesota College of Continuing Education, St. Paul
US Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, St. Paul
Winona Health, Winona

Woodruff Company, Rochester
Words at Work, Minneapolis*

Special recognition of support goes to Allina Hospitals and Clinics and Xcel Energy, both of Minneapolis. As Sponsoring Members, Allina's and Xcel's contributions help support more affordable memberships for individuals and smaller organizations. "Xcel has been a long-time supporter of the Council's mission dating back to the early 90s as NSP," says Brian Lassiter, president of the Council. "We thank them for their continued support. And Allina is keenly interested in improving their performance and quality, and therefore is very supportive of our mission and services. As several health care providers begin to use our improvement tools, we welcome Allina as a leader in their sector."

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 September 30, the Council represents a growing community of 121 individual and organization memberships that account for over 58,000 employees. A complete list of members is available at <http://www.councilforquality.org/member.cfm>.

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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