

# Two Health Care Industry Leaders Seek the Country's Healthiest Workplaces

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*CBIZ and Edington Associates Now Accepting Applications for the 2013 Edington Next Practice Awards*

LEAWOOD, Kan. & ANN ARBOR, Mich.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 1, 2012-- CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services Inc. and Edington Associates LLC are pleased to announce that the application submission period for the 2013 Edington Next Practice Awards will run from November 2 – December 7, 2012.

The Next Practice Awards recognize organizations that are actively engaged in the pursuit of a healthy, high-performing workplace and workforce. The awards specifically acknowledge companies that demonstrate unique approaches to improving the wellbeing of workplaces and employees and excel in innovation and initiatives to keep employees well.

Applicants of the Next Practice Awards are selected based on the five pillars of successful pursuit of achieving a healthy work environment: 1) Senior Leadership; 2) Operational Leadership; 3) Self Leadership; 4) Recognition and Rewards; 5) Quality Assurance.

Dee Edington, Ph.D., and founder and chairman of Edington Associates LLC, offers, "Together with CBIZ, we are seeking from the business world the best examples in healthy workplaces, lifestyles and overall wellness. Taken together, the outcomes from these pillars benefit both the employee workforce and the organization from health care and financial positions."

Applicants are asked to complete an online pre-qualification survey proving progress/pursuit across all five pillars, which will be available at [Edington Next Practice](#) from November 1 – December 7, 2012.

The survey must be completed by an employee of the applicant's organization and one single submission will be accepted. Upon pre-qualification, approved applicants will be invited to submit an application and a short description of their outstanding, unique or innovative "next practice," including organizational resources dedicated to the initiative, participation and engagement rates, related outcomes and supporting visual program materials.

Submissions will be reviewed by Dee Edington and an independent team of expert judges in the field, including: Joel Bender, MD, Ph.D., FACOEM, Global Medical Director, U.S. Preventive Medicine; Jack Bastable, Executive Consultant, Wellbeing Leadership, CBIZ; John Burke, President of Burke Consulting; Wayne Burton, MD, Global Corporate Medical Director, American Express; Larry Catlett, Owner and Chief Medical Officer, Occupational Medical Consulting LLC; Gary Earl, Independent Advisory, Strategist, Speaker and Writer, formerly Vice President Health Transformation at United Healthcare; Ron Finch, Vice President, National Business Group on Health; Jerry Ford, Chief Executive Officer, Marathon Health; Tom Golaszewski, Ed.D., MS, Professor Emeritus, Department of Health Science, SUNY at Brockport; Vilma Linares-Vaugh, Chief of Staff at 1199SEIU Health Workers East; Jennifer Pitts, Ph.D., Chief Strategy Officer, Edington Associates LLC Ph.D., Chief Strategy Officer, Edington Associates LLC; Maria Prince, Medical Director, Office of Chronic Disease Prevention, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Duane Putnam, Vice President, Business Development, Edington Associates LLC; Marcia Ridley, Vice President, Total Rewards and Chief Executive Officer, Vivacity; Neal Sofian, MSPH, Director of Member Engagement, Premera Blue Cross; Tom Welch, former Director of Payroll, Benefit and HRIS at PPG Industries; Barbara Wallace, President and CEO, Virginia Business Coalition of Health; and Chris Whipple, Executive Director, Pittsburgh Business Group on Health.

Applications will be evaluated in January 2013 with final recipient selections completed by mid-February and award recipients notified on February 28, 2013.

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CBIZ Inc. provides professional business services that help clients better manage their finances and employees. CBIZ provides its clients with financial services including accounting, tax and consulting, internal audit, merger and acquisition advisory and valuation services. Employee services include employee benefits consulting, property and casualty insurance, retirement plan consulting, payroll, life insurance, HR consulting, and executive recruitment. CBIZ also provides outsourced technology staffing and support services, healthcare consulting, and medical practice management. As one of the largest benefits specialists and one of the largest accounting, valuation, and medical practice management companies in the United States, the Company's services are provided through more than 130 Company offices in 37 states. Visit our website at [www.cbiz.com](http://www.cbiz.com) and our blog, "Human Capitalizing," at <http://blog.cbiz.com>.

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Edington Associates works with organizations to develop healthy and high performing work places and people for the 21st century. The Edington system helps employers become champion companies through research, experiences and solutions that build supportive leadership and healthy work environments, design and leverage effective health management programs and create timely and actionable plans to build a sustaining culture that we would even like our children to work in.



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