

CBIZ Announces The 2014 Edington Next Practice Awards Pre-Qualification Process is Now Open

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LEAWOOD, Kan. & ANN ARBOR, Mich.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 12, 2014-- [CBIZ Employee Benefit Services](#) (a division of CBIZ, Inc., NYSE: CBZ), in conjunction with [Edington Associates, LLC](#), is pleased to announce the pre-qualification process for The 2014 Edington Next Practice Awards opened earlier this month.

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

"Businesses large and small must truly invest in their health and productivity management measures in order to achieve an employee workforce that is dedicated to wellness," says [Robin Widdis, Business Unit President at CBIZ](#). "Business owners and executive ranks must take a collaborative approach with the entire workforce to bring about total employee engagement, which leads to improved productivity and performance."

Winners of the Next Practice Awards and the Great Beginnings Award, which recognizes organizations that have just begun their wellness journey and are focused on becoming future innovators, will be selected based on the pillars of successful pursuit of achieving a healthy work environment: Pillar I, Senior Leadership; Pillar II, Operational Leadership; Pillar III, Self Leadership; Pillar IV, Recognition and Rewards; Pillar V, Quality Assurance. More than one award may be given for each of the five core pillars in both divisions.

For additional background information on the Next Practice Awards, please [click here](#). Applicants must complete [the pre-qualification survey](#) between now and Dec. 31, 2014. Those that meet the pre-qualification threshold will be invited to complete the Next Practice Award application, which will be open between Nov. 15, 2014 and Jan. 15, 2015. Award recipients will be notified on March 2, 2015 and announced publicly on March 10, 2015. Winners will receive the Next Practice or Great Beginnings showpiece, the opportunity to participate in one-on-one brainstorming sessions with Dee Edington, Ph.D., and each will be invited to speak about their organization's progress in achieving a higher standard of wellness across the employee population.

Dee Edington, Founder and Chairman of Edington Associates, LLC offered, "Health care costs are now a large portion of every organization's balance sheet. A strategic wellness program enhances employee satisfaction, happiness and retention while simultaneously influencing the bottom line. Performance, productivity, absenteeism and presenteeism each have a real impact on companies and their ability to stay competitive within their industry and as a place where people want to work."

To learn more about The 2014 Edington Next Practice Awards submission process, [visit our blog](#).

About Edington Associates

Edington Associates works with organizations to develop healthy and high-performing workplaces and people for the 21st century. The Edington System helps employers become champion companies through research, experiences and solutions that build supportive leadership and create timely and actionable plans to build a sustaining culture in which we would like our children to work. For more information, [please click here](#).

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