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## News Release

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## **Local organizations named ‘Employers of Excellence’** *10 winners from Dakota and Scott counties*

The Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board wanted to recognize some of the best employers in our area and provide vital information to companies about the practices they use to attract and retain employees. With the help of local sponsors, they commissioned a study and asked area employers to participate.

Each participant completed a 40-question survey that allowed their employment practices to be analyzed by the consulting firm Personnel Dynamics Consulting of Florida. Every organization participating in the survey then received a 20-page report detailing the information on their company and the results of the survey.

Employers were evaluated on a host of metrics, including: turnover, rate of growth, promotion rates, employee evaluations and feedback, percentage of employee injured, diversity of management, benefits offered, training expenditures, paid days off, and increase in pay.

Those who met the threshold to be named “Employers of Excellence” were recognized at a special awards banquet on Oct. 4, 2017.

The winners are:

### **Small Employer** (Under 50 Employees)

**Bankers Equipment Services, Burnsville**

**Carlson Capital Management, Hastings**

**Custom Drapery and Blinds by Esch, Burnsville**

**Reese Enterprises, Inc., Rosemount**

**Mid-Size Employer**

(50-200 employees)

**Dakota Electric Association, Farmington**

**Firefly Credit Union, Burnsville**

**Smead Manufacturing, Hastings**

**Large Employer**

(More than 200 employees)

**Lifeworks Services, Inc., Eagan**

**Uponor, Apple Valley**

**UTC Aerospace Systems, Burnsville**

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