



eXude Benefits Group Again One of *Philadelphia Business Journal's* Best Places to Work—Now Among the Top Three in Best HR Practices.

PHILADELPHIA, October 31, 2006—*Philadelphia Business Journal* has named **eXude Benefits Group** one of the Best Places to Work in the Philadelphia region. The award recognizes the company's achievements in creating a positive work environment that attracts and retains employees through a combination of benefits, working conditions, and company culture.

Philadelphia-based eXude Benefits Group was one of hundreds of companies to enter, securing its position on this prestigious list based on the strength of its benefits and programs, as evaluated by its employees. In addition, eXude was recognized for Best HR Practices. This award was given to the top 3 companies whose practices demonstrated Work /Life Balance, Creativity and Employee Engagement.

"We are gratified to be identified once again as a top company to work for in Philadelphia" said Marcos Lopez, President & CEO. "I have long believed that the most important asset to our company is our engaged workforce. To be recognized with this distinction two years in a row only serves to underscore the value of the dynamic work environment we've strived to create—an atmosphere that continues to inspire and energize our staff of enthusiastic benefits specialists."

"We entered the awards program," said Alison DiFlorio, President of eXude's newest affiliate company, *eXperience Human Resources*, "because we think that our culture is unique. Our employees take an active role in improving the organization and are not afraid to try new and sometimes risky ventures, concepts, and ideas. The company is very proud of its employees, and we're proud to be a winner of this award."

The top three winning companies were featured among the 50 finalists in five categories, in a special supplement in the October 20 issue of *Philadelphia Business Journal*. Winning companies and finalists will be entitled to use the 2006 seal in advertising and public relations outreach.

The awards program was launched in July by the *Philadelphia Business Journal* through direct mailings, email and fax announcements, phone calls, and advertisements in the journal. The 2006 program is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Grant Thornton, Littler Mendelson, Monster, Unum Provident, and SB 1 Federal Credit Union.

"The Best Places to Work are companies that recognize employees as their best asset, instrumental in maintaining the quality and reputation for services and products," said Bernard Dagenais, *Philadelphia Business Journal* editor. "The right work environment can create a powerful business advantage."

The *Philadelphia Business Journal's* research partner, Wichita, Kansas-based Quantum Market Research, tabulated the results from thousands of employee online surveys to establish the rank order. Common themes among top companies included work-life balance, respect and caring for employees, recognition of accomplishments, feeling empowered, good teamwork, and commitment to community.

"We work at being open and innovative," said Chief Operating Officer Eileen Green, and "and we're proud to be recognized by a respected publication for our efforts, by again being named one of the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* Best Places to Work."

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