



Ability Link

NV Business Leadership Network

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October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

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A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

During National Disability Employment Awareness Month, we pay tribute to the accomplishments of the men and women with disabilities whose work helps keep America's economy strong, and we underscore our commitment to ensuring equal employment opportunity for all of our citizens.

Our country has made great progress to ensure that opportunities are accessible to everyone who is willing and able to work. Access to jobs was significantly expanded in 1990 when President George H. W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law. This important legislation has served as a foundation for strengthening our Nation's workforce and advancing innovation and American leadership in a global marketplace.

In 2001, my Administration announced the New Freedom Initiative to build on the progress of the ADA and more fully integrate men and women with disabilities into all aspects of life. The New Freedom Initiative has helped expand access to technology, training, and education for citizens with disabilities. As a result, those who have a disability and seek employment are better able to compete for jobs. To assist in providing additional access to employment opportunities, we have also implemented the "Ticket to Work" program and strengthened training and employment services at One-Stop Career Centers. By visiting DisabilityInfo.gov, individuals and employers can learn more about the Federal Government's disability-related programs and receive information and resources they need to help achieve their personal and professional ambitions.

To recognize the contributions of Americans with disabilities and to encourage all citizens to ensure equal opportunity in the workforce, the Congress, by joint resolution approved as amended (36 U.S.C. 121), has designated October of each year as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 2006 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. I call upon Government officials, labor leaders, employers, and the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

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**2006
Business Leadership
Symon Awards
Luncheon**

**October 31, 2006
11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**Peppermill
Hotel & Casino**

**For event details
and ticket information
see page 3**



2006 Business Leadership



SYMON AWARDS

Date: 10/31/2006

Peppermill Hotel Casino

Time 11:30 am — 1:00 pm

Pre-register by: 10/24/06

Tickets: \$25

**For information or tickets
contact: NV-BLN 544-6046 or
email: nv-bln@earthlink.net.**

Nevada Business Leadership Network
*Creating opportunities that benefit both businesses
and people with disabilities*

Please join the Nevada Business Leadership Network, in recognizing exemplary Reno/Sparks employers and individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and results towards employing

Panel Discussion

“Illumination Roundtable” – Shedding light on issues concerning hiring people with disabilities.

Expert Panel

Tom Fitzgerald - CEO, Nevadaworks, **Carol Stewart** - Corporate Director of Human Resources, Peppermill Hotel & Casino
Scott Youngs - Project Coordinator ADA Nevada, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at University of Nevada Reno and **Mechelle Burak** - Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation

Musical Entertainment Provided by : **The Note-Ables**

The Nevada Business Leadership Network is sponsored, in part, by a grant from the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Event Sponsor - \$1,000

Benefits:

- Recognition from the podium during the event
- Your company name listed as a sponsor in the event program
- Priority corporate table with VIP seating for 8 Guests
- One year Corporate membership in the NV-BLN
- One disability awareness training seminar at your business location

Corporate Table - \$500

Benefits:

- Your organization/company name listed as a sponsor in the event program
- Priority corporate table for 8 guests



NV-BLN Mission

The Nevada Business Leadership Network is an employer-led initiative dedicated to improving opportunities for businesses to develop a diverse customer base and workforce that includes people with disabilities.

NV-BLN Program Goals

Assist businesses to attract and retain new employees and customers with disabilities .

Develop business leaders who value diversity and actively work to promote strong communities that include people with disabilities.

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If you are an employer who is supportive of the BLN's mission and have an interest in serving on the Steering Committee please contact Cheryl at 544-6046 or email at nv-bln@earthlink.net.

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Upcoming NV-BLN Meetings

October

11/10/06 NV-BLN Steering Committee 8:15 am -9:15 am
Peppermill H.R., 90 West Grove Street, Reno, NV

11/10/06 Community Partners Committee 11:00 am - Noon,
Sierra Regional Center, 605 S. 21st Street, Sparks, NV.

January

1/12/07 NV-BLN Steering Committee 8:15 am -9:15 am
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Employment Links

America's Job Bank
<http://www.ajb.dni.us/>

Peppermill Hotel & Casino
<http://www.peppermillreno.com/contact/employment/>

Reno Gazette-Journal
<http://www.rgj.com/cgi-bin/career.rgj.view.cgi>

Ultimate Staffing Services
<http://www.ultimatestaffing.com/jobsearch.aspx>