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## **Washington Technology Industry Association Named One of Washington's Best Workplaces by Puget Sound Business Journal**

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**SEATTLE – (July 7, 2008)** – The Washington Technology Industry Association, the largest statewide association of technology companies, IT departments and individual technology professionals in North America, announced today it was named as a finalist by *the Puget Sound Business Journal* in its second annual Washington's Best Workplaces program.

The association was one of five non-profit companies to be selected out of a total of 65 finalists including 20 small companies, 20 medium-sized companies and 20 large companies. Employees of the 300 nominated companies completed surveys, which were then used to select the finalist based on ranking in benefit offerings, leadership culture and work/life balance philosophy.

"We are honored to be recognized as having one of the best workplaces in Washington," said Ken Myer, president and CEO of the Washington Technology Industry Association. "We've learned from our own association members—many of them small technology companies—about how to create a fun and challenging work environment. We want the WTIA to always be considered a place that offers great benefits, professional growth opportunities and a flexible work environment."

"Work-force development has never been more important – or more difficult – than it is in today's global economy," said Emory Thomas Jr., publisher of the Business Journal. "We believe the Business Journal, as the Puget Sound area's top source of business information, has an important role to play in drawing attention to innovations and excellence in the management of our region's No. 1 resource: its people."

Honorees and the public are invited to attend an awards event celebrating the finalists of the Puget Sound Business Journal's Washington Best Workplaces Program at Safeco Field on August 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The company with the greatest number of employees present will win a suite at a future Seattle Mariners game.

### **About the Washington Technology Industry Association**

The Washington Technology Industry Association, founded in 1984, is the largest statewide association of technology companies, IT departments and individual technology professionals in North America. With more than 1,000 member companies representing more than 100,000 employees in Washington State, the association is a catalyst for sharing expertise, fostering collaboration, delivering key business services

and advancing the value and global impact of technology companies doing business in Washington. The association's global partners are Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Microsoft, Regence BlueShield, Sun Microsystems, Vertafore and Wells Fargo Insurance Services. The association's funding partners are AH&T Insurance, Blink Interactive, Inc., Comerica Bank, F5 Networks, GrapeCity and RealNetworks. For more information, go to [www.washingtontechnology.org](http://www.washingtontechnology.org).

**About the Puget Sound Business Journal**

The Puget Sound Business Journal is the region's premier source of business information, serving an unparalleled audience of business and community leaders. In addition to the weekly newspaper, the Business Journal provides daily updates via its web site and email alerts. The company also plays a vital role in bringing the area's leadership community together by hosting a wide variety of events throughout the year, from the Washington's Best Workplaces event at Safeco Field to the annual 100 Fastest Growing Companies celebration to the Women of Influence awards event. Puget Sound Business Journal is a unit of American City Business Journals, which operates 41 local business newspapers throughout the United States. Visit Puget Sound Business Journal on the web at [www.pugetsoundbusinessjournal.com](http://www.pugetsoundbusinessjournal.com).

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