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FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER, FINALIST FOR THE 2009 GLOBAL SIX SIGMA & BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Fairfield Medical Center was selected as one of five finalists in the category of “Best Achievement of Organizational Business Improvement in Healthcare.”

LANCASTER, Ohio (August 31, 2009) – Fairfield Medical Center has been selected as a finalist for the Global Six Sigma & Business Improvement Awards in the category of “Best Achievement of Organizational Business Improvement in Healthcare.” Other finalists include: Medco Health Solutions, Miami Children’s Hospital, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, and Providence Health and Services.

Fairfield Medical Center uses Six Sigma and has trained 344 employees and physicians in various skill levels. “We are very honored to be chosen as a finalist among such esteemed organizations and put high priority on integrating Six Sigma into our daily operations as well as our culture. The results and findings speak volumes, helping us to evaluate areas that need improvement within our organization, which in turn promotes patient safety and patient quality,” said Mina Ubbing, Fairfield Medical Center President and CEO.

The winners will be announced October 14, 2009 at the Global Lean, Six Sigma and Business Improvement Summit, organized by the Worldwide Conventions and Business Forums (WCBF), held in Orlando, Florida.

The Global Six Sigma & Business Improvement Awards program was established in 2006 to identify outstanding organizational success achieved through the application of Six Sigma

methodologies. Awards are given to companies and individuals who demonstrate the most outstanding organizational achievements through the deployment of business improvement programs. The focus of the awards program is to demonstrate to the global business community the real results and excellence that organizations achieve through the successful deployment of Six Sigma and other business excellence programs.

The independent judging panel for the 2009 program includes a diverse group of business professionals from various backgrounds:

Beth Barnickel, Sector Director, Lean Six Sigma/Quality, **Northrop Grumman Information Systems**
Robert Bryant, GOS VP of Quality, CSC Lean/Six Sigma Program Lead, **Computer Sciences Corporation**
Pamela Cagle, Sr. Director Global Continuous Improvement, **Walmart Stores**
Jerry Calvert, Senior Vice President, Enterprise Business Process Services, **SunTrust Banks**
Ravichandra CL, Service & Quality Leader, **Thomson Reuters**
Tiran Dagan, Director/Engagement Leader, Strategic Initiatives & Analysis, **NBC Universal**
Lisa Fuller, Director of 6 Sigma, **OSF Saint Francis Medical Center**
Phil Geyer, Director, Lean Six Sigma, **Praxair**
Amber Gravett, FVP Enterprise Programs, MBB, **JP Morgan Chase**
Sanjay Harkawat, Global Operations/Program Manager, **Dell**
Carolyn Harper, LSS Black Belt, **Newfield Exploration Company**
Vinay Khanna, Lean Six Sigma Leader, **Quaker Foods and Snacks (a PepsiCo business)**
Manny O. Laveria, LSSBB, MA CI Group, **Northrop Grumman Laser Systems**
Richard Ledet Jr., Master Black Belt , **Textron Marine & Land Systems**
Govindakumar Madhavan, Program Manager - Quality & Services, **Hewlett Packard**
Philippe Mathijs, Global Lean Six Sigma Practice Lead, **EDS, an HP Company**
Kim Mueller, Director - Business Excellence, **Dominion**
Roger Noble, Corporate Director of Performance Excellence, **Shriners Hospitals for Children**
Barbara Peterson, GIO Six Sigma, **Agilent Technologies**
José Pires, Strategy Deployment Leader- Six Sigma MBB, **Black & Veatch Corporation**
Chris Reid, Director, Process Engineering, **Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce**
Nancy Riebling, Director of Operational Performance Solutions, **North Shore-LIJ Health System**
Shar Stocker, Senior Master Black Belt, **Intel Corporation**
Jayendran Sundararaman, Senior Lean Consultant, **Dell**
Gajendiran Ramachandran, Head of Corporate Quality and Operation Excellence Group, **HCL Technologies**
Dave Wheeler, Vice President of Global Production, Logistics and Corporate Six Sigma, **Cintas**
Karen Welch, Director BEx, Strategic Projects, **ABBOTT**
Deron Ertel, General Manager – Process Excellence, **Embarq**

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