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Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Board honors outstanding employers

The Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Board has selected three businesses to receive 2003 Employer of the Year awards. Winners are selected for offering employees flexible work programs, community involvement opportunities, and outstanding youth employment opportunities. Kaiser Permanente, J.D. Edwards, and the Arapahoe/Douglas Youth Council sponsor the awards this year. The employers will be honored at the annual 2003 Employer Awards Event presented by the Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Board and area chambers of commerce. The luncheon will take place on July 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Wildlife Experience Museum in Parker. Douglas County Commissioner Melanie Worley will welcome award winners with Mr. Jolly Demis providing the keynote address. For reservations, call Lisa Mull at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce at 303-344-1500.

Work/Life Balance Award: Presented by J.D. Edwards, this award honors companies that promote a healthy balance between work and the rest of life.

2003 Winner: High Plains National Bank, Bennett, Colorado

Community Partnership Award: Companies whose corporate values emphasize consistently high-quality, active participation of employees in the community through contributions of volunteer time, resources, and leadership example are selected to receive this award presented by Kaiser Permanente.

2003 Winner: CH2M HILL, Englewood, Colorado

Youth Employer Award: The Arapahoe/Douglas Youth Council sponsors the award that honors organizations that provide opportunities for youth employment, primarily for youth under that age of 18.

2003 Winner: Country Buffet Restaurant, Englewood, Colorado

The awards were presented in conjunction with several Chambers of Commerce that operate within the Arapahoe/Douglas two-county area including Aurora, Greater Englewood, Parker, Castle Rock, and the I-70 Corridor/High Five Plains Foundation.

Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Board members are appointed by the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners to provide policy guidance to Arapahoe/Douglas Works!, a Colorado Workforce Center that offers employment and training programs and services to employers and job seekers. More than 6,500 job seekers visited an Arapahoe/Douglas Works! offices in April 2003.

Media note: For a reservation to attend the luncheon, please contact Kim Podobnik at 303-636-1945.
