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Voting for Supply Chain Excellence Awards is Under Way

LEXINGTON, KY.—IDN Summit and Expo, which brings together senior healthcare executives and their group purchasing organization and supplier partners to improve healthcare delivery, is pleased to announce its 2010 Search for Supply Chain Excellence in Healthcare Awards program. The awards put a spotlight on providers' innovative efforts to achieve critical supply chain efficiencies.

"At a time when healthcare reform and spiraling costs are putting enormous pressure on providers to improve quality and efficiency, these awards serve not only to recognize a handful of successful initiatives, but also to inform hundreds of other providers that are looking for ways to streamline their operations to provide patient-centered care," said John Kelly, IDN Summit's CEO.

The initial round of voting for the prestigious awards—the only independent honors for supply chain achievement by integrated delivery networks and health systems—began today and will close on Feb. 28. This round of voting is limited to senior executives of healthcare provider organizations. (To see voting procedures go to www.idnsummit.com/index.php/spring-2010/awards/294-2010-voting)

The top five submissions will be announced March 8, and the finalists will be invited to make presentations at the Spring IDN Summit and Expo, held April 20-22 at the Walt Disney World Swan Resort in Orlando, Fla. Final voting for the awards will occur during a general session at the summit. At that time, a single Summit of Excellence Award Winner will be chosen, along with four Peer Choice Award honorees. The winners receive not only the recognition of their peers as best-in-class supply chain innovators; they also attract local, regional and national media coverage for their achievements.

The nominees for the 2010 awards, whose submissions can be viewed at www.idnsummit.com/index.php/spring-2010/awards/294-2010-voting, include:

Atlantic Health, Morristown, N.J.: Used traditional Six Sigma methodology to identify what had caused lower profitability in spine cases.

CHRISTUS Health, Houston: To better manage orthopedic implant spending, the system implemented a total joint initiative that focused on region cost-management based on market share optimization

Freeman Health System, Joplin, Mo.: Implemented an Antimicrobial Stewardship Program to combat overutilization of the agents across the system.

Healthcare Authority of Huntsville (Ala.): Developed a partnership with a vendor to standardize, upgrade and replace 750 hospital beds.

Johns Hopkins Health System, Baltimore: Used reverse auctioning/e-sourcing as a means of streamlining and more efficiently bidding health system purchasing.

Mountain States Health Alliance, Johnson City, Tenn.: Developed a system to manage product recalls, alerts and advisories.

Oakwood Healthcare System, Dearborn, Mich.: Developed a process to manage supplier relationships in a strategic fashion to improve outcomes and strengthen supply chain practices.

Scottsdale (Ariz.) Healthcare: Conducted a survey to benchmark purchase order activity against the number of buyer resources to establish the need for labor resources within the department.

Sisters of Mercy Health System, Chesterfield, Mo.: Evaluated custom procedure tray use across the health system and asked its supply chain division, ROi, to build and operate a custom procedure tray manufacturing operation to increase efficiency and reduce costs.

St. Anthony's Medical Center, St. Louis: Initiated a comprehensive plan to move from a materials management mindset to a supply chain process.

Texas Children's Hospital, Houston: Took 90 days to evaluate all areas of supply chain, reviewed the areas that required improvement and initiated action.

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh: Developed a solution to drive cost out of the catering operation by reducing process waste, controlling consumption, and driving compliance and tighter financial controls.



About IDN Summit and Expo

Since its creation in 1986, IDN Summit and Expo has become the leading source of collaborative networking events, education and information resources and professional services for healthcare supply chain stakeholders. It focuses on best practices, enhanced communication and improved business processes that lead to more cost-effective patient care. The spring and fall summits bring together senior healthcare executives and their group purchasing organization and supplier partners in an open, learning environment. The meetings have as their foundation a range of strategic content developed by an independent Educational Advisory Board made up of senior integrated delivery network executives. Additional information may be found at idnsummit.com.