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Dickinson Business Named Employer of the Year
Other regional companies also honored for disability-related efforts

FARGO, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) announced today that **Dan's Supermarket of Dickinson** has been named the *2010 North Dakota DVR Employer of the Year*.

This award honors one North Dakota business for noteworthy practices and community involvement in efforts supporting the employment of people with disabilities. The North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the ND State Rehabilitation Council selected Dan's Supermarket of Dickinson from among eight regional Employer of the Year honorees.

Other regional award recipients include: Budget Home Furnishings of **Williston**; Marketplace Foods of **Minot**; The Clothing Connection of **Devils Lake**; R.D.O. Equipment, Inc. of **Grand Forks**; Herbergers of **Fargo**; Wal-Mart of **Jamestown**; and I. Keating, Inc. of **Bismarck**.

The awards were presented to company representatives during the 2010 North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation annual awards banquet and training conference held today in Fargo at the Doublewood Inn.

"It is a pleasure to honor these companies. Their progressive attitudes and business practices have enabled individuals with disabilities who are living and working in their communities to put their abilities to work," said Russ Cusack, director of DVR.

Cusack said these companies serve as models for other North Dakota businesses. Their efforts and those of other employers are the reason North Dakota ranks first among states in the percentage of individuals with disabilities who are employed.

The North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is a division of the Department of Human Services. It works to assist individuals with disabilities to maximize their employment opportunities and helps North Dakota business owners and employers find solutions to disability-related issues.

For information about the awards and services available to help employers and employees address disability-related issues, contact the North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation at 701-328-8950 or online at www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html.

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