

# **NEWS from the N.D. Department of Human Services**

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## **Bismarck Tribune Named Employer of the Year**

*Other regional companies and organizations honored for disability-related efforts*

Bismarck, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) announced today the **Bismarck Tribune** has been named the *2011 North Dakota DVR Employer of the Year*.

This award recognizes one business or organization for their continued work within their community to support, develop, and inspire individuals with disabilities to achieve their full potential and for their ongoing working partnership with DVR. The North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the North Dakota State Rehabilitation Council selected the Bismarck Tribune from among eight regional honorees.

Other regional honorees include St. Luke's Home, **Dickinson**; Devils Lake Journal, **Devils Lake**; North Dakota State University Equity Diversity and Global Outreach, **Fargo**; Lunseth Plumbing and Heating, **Grand Forks**; Total Clean, **Jamestown**; Kmart, **Minot**; and Economart, **Williston**.

"It is a pleasure to honor these companies and organizations for they are true business champions," said Gov. Jack Dalrymple. "Their progressive attitudes and business practices have enabled individuals with disabilities to put their abilities to work."

The awards were presented this morning during a breakfast celebration held in conjunction with the 2011 Governor's Workforce Summit in Minot.

"These organizations are role models," said Russ Cusack, DVR director. "Their efforts are the reason why North Dakota ranks among one of the top states in employment of individuals with disabilities."

The ND Division of Vocational Rehabilitation 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 Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation at 701-328-8950, ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888 or online to [www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html).

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