

## Northwestern Mutual Named a Best Place to Work in IT for 10th Consecutive Year

MILWAUKEE, June 22, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Northwestern Mutual today announced it has been honored as one of IDG's Computerworld 2015 Best Places to Work in IT. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year Northwestern Mutual has been included in the top 100, ranking 36th among large companies (5,000 or more employees). This marks a significant move up from the company's ranking in 2014; also, Northwestern Mutual was the only Wisconsin-based employer to make the list of 100.

"The Best Places to Work in IT recognition reflects the importance Northwestern Mutual places on investing in digital technologies, our technology professionals and our digital workplace," said Karl Gouverneur, Northwestern Mutual vice president and chief technology officer. "To maintain our leadership position in the financial services market, it's essential to attract and retain high-caliber tech professionals."

Northwestern Mutual looks for highly qualified IT professionals from diverse backgrounds who welcome challenges, embrace teamwork, and are excited about innovation and new technologies, Gouverneur explained.

"Our company's goal is to be at the center of the financial lives of our more than 4 million clients," Gouverneur added. "To accomplish that, we focus on developing the innovative business systems and technology our financial representatives need to meet the demands of today's digital-savvy consumers."

Since 1994, Computerworld's annual Best Places to Work in IT feature has ranked the top 100 work environments for technology professionals, based on benefits, career development, training and retention. Computerworld is a leading source of business technology news and innovation for IT influencers worldwide. The list is compiled based on a comprehensive Computerworld questionnaire and extensive surveys of IT workers.

### About Northwestern Mutual

Northwestern Mutual has been helping families and businesses achieve financial security for nearly 160 years. Our financial representatives build relationships with clients through a distinctive planning approach that integrates risk management with wealth accumulation, preservation and distribution. With \$230 billion in assets, \$27 billion in revenues, \$87 billion in assets under management in our investment products and services, and \$1.5 trillion worth of life insurance protection in force, Northwestern Mutual delivers financial security to 4.3 million people who rely on us for insurance and investment solutions, including life, disability income and long-term care insurance; annuities; trust services; mutual funds; and investment advisory products and services. Northwestern Mutual is recognized by FORTUNE magazine as one of the "World's Most Admired" life insurance companies in 2015.

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