Northwestern Mutual Named Top Company for Women Technologists

Award announced at 2017 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 4, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Northwestern Mutual announced today it has been named one of the *Top Companies for Women Technologists 2017* by the Anita Borg Institute, an international organization founded on the belief that women are vital to building technology that the world needs. The announcement was made at the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference (GHC), which kicks off today through Oct. 6 in Orlando, Fla.

Northwestern Mutual is a first-time recipient of this cross-industry national program, which recognizes companies committed to building workplaces where women technologists can succeed. Recipients also exemplify their commitment to measuring progress as it relates to increasing the representation, recruitment, retention and advancement of women technologists.

"We are thrilled to be recognized as a company committed to creating an environment where women technologists can thrive," said Emilia Sherifova, vice president, architecture and engineering for Northwestern Mutual. "Diversity, inclusion, talent attraction and development fuel our continued growth as a company; women technologists play a pivotal role in this growth, and we're dedicated to helping them succeed."

GHC is not only a celebration of women in computing; it also serves as a key opportunity for Northwestern Mutual to engage with top female talent through professional development, recruitment and learning activities. This year, Cynthia Smith, senior engineer for Northwestern Mutual, will lead a session on the company's full engagement with open source software — something that sets it apart from most larger, legacy companies. The company will also participate in the Technology Executive Forum, Senior Women's Program and career fair exhibit at the conference.

GHC is the world's largest technical conference for women in computing. The conference results in collaborative proposals, networking and mentoring for attendees and offers professional development opportunities. Conference presenters are leaders in their respective fields, representing industry, academia and government. The Anita Borg Institute co-presents GHC with the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM).

About the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing
The Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing is the world's largest gathering of women technologists. It is produced by the Anita Borg Institute and presented in partnership with ACM. GHC 17 will be Oct. 4-6 in Orlando, FL.

About the Anita Borg Institute (ABI)
The Anita Borg Institute (ABI) connects, inspires, and guides women in computing and organizations that view technology innovation as a strategic imperative. Founded in 1997 by computer scientist Anita Borg, our reach extends to more than 65 countries. We believe technology innovation powers the global economy, and that women are crucial to building technology the world needs. As a social enterprise, we recognize women making positive contributions, and advise organizations on how to improve performance by building more inclusive teams. ABI partners include: Cisco, Google, HP, Microsoft, Thomson Reuters, Amazon, CA Technologies, Dell, eBay, Facebook, First Republic Bank, IBM, Intel, Intuit, Juniper Networks, Lockheed Martin, National Science Foundation, National Security Agency, NetApp, SAP, Symantec, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Broadcom, EMC, Neustar, Raytheon, Salesforce.com, VentureLoop, Xerox, and Yahoo! The Anita Borg Institute is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 charitable organization. For more information, visit anitaborg.org

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