Northwestern Mutual Ranks #1 on Deloitte 2014 Wisconsin 75 List

MILWAUKEE, October 6, 2014 – Northwestern Mutual ranks No. 1 on the Deloitte 2014 Wisconsin 75 – an annual list that recognizes the largest privately held companies in Wisconsin. While the companies are ranked by revenue, the list also recognizes companies' contributions to the communities in which they are located and their overall impact on Wisconsin's economy.

"Our top position on this year's Wisconsin 75 list is a testament to the long-term value we deliver to policyowners, and to the strong commitment our employees have made to the Milwaukee community," said John E. Schlifske, Northwestern Mutual chairman and CEO. "We always strive to be the best company. And because we have done that for more than 157 years, we are pleased to be the biggest in this category."

Schliske added: "It's an honor to be among so many excellent companies that continue to make a positive impact in Wisconsin."

Northwestern Mutual's strong financial and sales performance includes record dividend payments expected to exceed $5.2 billion in 2014.

The company also has a long history of giving back to the community through the Northwestern Mutual Foundation, the largest foundation in Wisconsin, and the volunteer commitment and donations of employees, retirees and its field force. Since its inception in 1992, the Northwestern Mutual Foundation has given approximately $146 million to nonprofits in Wisconsin, and in 2013, more than 2,400 employees logged nearly 27,000 volunteer hours.

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