## Northwestern Mutual climbs "100 Best Places to Work in IT" rankings

IDG's Computerworld awards Northwestern Mutual first in Wisconsin and 67th overall.

MILWAUKEE, June 20, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- For the seventh consecutive year, Northwestern Mutual is being recognized as a top workplace for information technology (IT) professionals, according to IDG's *Computerworld*, the leading source of technology news and information for IT influencers worldwide.

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In the ranking of 100 companies, Northwestern Mutual ranks 67th overall, 23rd among medium-sized companies (2,500 – 9,999 U.S. employees), and first overall in the state of Wisconsin.

"I'm proud to talk about this accolade because it speaks to the value of our employees and the talent they bring to the enterprise," says Tim Schaefer, senior vice president and chief information officer – Northwestern Mutual. "It's their passion for IT and our company's unique offerings that set us apart as an organization – which is why we're consistently seeking to recruit and develop the best in IT."

Since 1994, *Computerworld*'s annual "Best Places to Work in IT" feature has ranked the top 100 work environments for technology professionals, based on a comprehensive questionnaire about company benefits, diversity, career development, training and retention.

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