Northwestern Mutual recognized with high 2014 Corporate Equality Index score

Survey honors continued commitment to diversity and inclusion efforts

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 26, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- For the second year in a row, Northwestern Mutual scored 90 out of a possible 100 points in the recently announced 2014 Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Corporate Equality Index survey.

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The Corporate Equality Index helps gauge trends and best practices among businesses related to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality in the workplace. Results of the index have been used to help guide and inspire companies' development of non-discriminative and inclusive policies.

"Northwestern Mutual's high CEI score demonstrates our commitment to a diverse and inclusive workplace," said Jennifer Brase, vice president of diversity & inclusion, Northwestern Mutual. "The Corporate Equality Index helps benchmark progress and inform current and future company goals."

The 2014 survey is designed to reflect best-in-class operations. High ratings from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation are given to companies that meet the workplace needs of the LGBT community.

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