

IDG's Computerworld Names CME to Annual List of Best Places to Work in Information Technology

CME Only Financial Services Exchange Recognized

CHICAGO, June 27, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- CME, the largest U.S. futures exchange, announced today that it has been selected by IDG's Computerworld, the "Voice of IT Management," as one of the top workplaces for information technology (IT) professionals. This honor is part of the weekly IT publication's 12th annual Best Places to Work in IT survey, which was published in the June 27 issue and online at <http://www.computerworld.com>. CME is the only financial services exchange to be recognized for this honor.

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 regarding company offerings in categories such as benefits, diversity, career development, training and retention. In addition, this year Computerworld surveyed more than 20,000 IT workers for the list, and their responses factored heavily in determining the rankings.

"CME is the largest organized marketplace in the world for electronic trading of financial derivative instruments. We've made an amazing transformation of our organization into a mostly electronic exchange, which includes having the most distributed electronic exchange in the world and the having the highest availability," said CME CEO Craig Donohue. "Technology is the basis for which all of our success has been built and we've invested more than \$1 billion in technology over the past eight years."

"This is a great acknowledgement of CME's evolution into one of the world's leading applied technology companies. Moreover, it is a great testament to the work that our technologists do every day to build our capabilities to serve our customers around the world," said CME President and Chief Operating Officer Phupinder Gill. "We have an extremely dedicated and gifted technology team that has made many important enhancements to our technology infrastructure over the years and we know that our people make a difference in how we perform as a company."

Some of the factors that contributed to the exchange's recognition by Computerworld include the following:

- CME employs approximately 500 people in its Technology Division; approximately 40 percent of all exchange employees;
- CME is the only exchange in the world that operates virtually 24 hours every trading day, which means every aspect of the exchange is driven or supported by technology and,
- Electronic trading represents more than 70 percent of CME's total volume in 2005, versus only 15 percent in 2000. In that same timeframe, average daily volume has quintupled from 917,000 to nearly 4.5 million contracts traded.

"This year's Best Places to Work rankings represent companies across the industry that recognize how a strong commitment to and investment in employees is synonymous with creating a great IT work environment," said Don Tennant, editor in chief of Computerworld. "Once again, we found that IT professionals are looking for rewarding and challenging projects, access to leading-edge technologies, career growth and development and a comfortable work/life balance. Our Best Places companies not only offer these benefits, but do so in a manner that goes well-above industry norms."

Other companies that Computerworld ranked among the Best Places to Work include Aflac, Ernst & Young, Ford Motor Company, General Mills, MasterCard International, Staples, Inc., UPS and Verizon Wireless. To view the complete list of the Best Places to Work in IT please visit, <http://www.computerworld.com/bestplaces2005>.

About Computerworld

Computerworld, the "Voice of IT Management," is the most trusted source for the critical information needs of senior IT management. Computerworld's integrated offerings form the U.S.-based hub of the world's largest (58- edition) global IT media network through its weekly publication, Computerworld.com Web site, focused conference series and custom research. In the

past five years alone, Computerworld has won more than 100 print and online awards for editorial and design excellence, surpassing its direct competition by an order of magnitude. Recognition includes the 2004 Magazine of the Year Award from the American Society of Business Publication Editors and a Jesse H. Neal Award for "Best News Coverage." In print since 1967, Computerworld is the source for information technology management, with a guaranteed rate base of 180,050, a total print audience of 1,138,000 (IntelliQuest CIMS 2004 Business Influencer Study) and an online audience of over 1.1 million unique monthly visitors (DoubleClick).

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