



## **Alliance Benefit Group expands its footprint in the sunshine state**

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Peoria, IL, July 18, 2018 - **Alliance Benefit Group, LLC (ABG)**, is growing again and this time in the Southeastern US. BlueStar Retirement Services, Inc., located in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, is the newest retirement plan recordkeeping and consulting firm to become a licensee and join the ABG family.

BlueStar is an independent recordkeeper and third-party administrator. Focusing on providing better solutions and finding smarter answers is their core belief. "I've known Tim and Suzanne Werner for many years and I am very excited that BlueStar has decided to join ABG." said Don Mackanos, President of Alliance Benefit Group, LLC. "I know that BlueStar will contribute to the group in many ways. BlueStar is technologically advanced in their day-to-day operations. This has allowed them to grow in a relatively short period of time, providing services to over 100,000 participants."

"We've had a lot of friends in the ABG family for many years, and we enter this relationship with a great respect for the varied skillsets represented in this excellent group of firms that are all out there "doing it right". We're excited to dive in and be a great ABG team member." said Tim Werner, President of BlueStar. "The networking and collaboration between the member firms is one of the many benefits of being a part of this exclusive group."

For additional information on Alliance Benefit Group go to [www.abgnational.com](http://www.abgnational.com) or contact Don Mackanos at [don.mackanos@abgnational.com](mailto:don.mackanos@abgnational.com).

### **About BlueStar**

BlueStar is an independent open-architecture recordkeeper based in beautiful Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Through a service-first mindset, BlueStar has experienced rapid growth, fueled equally by (1) the intelligent application of technology and automation to day-to-day retirement plan servicing issues, and (2) a nationally-recognized expertise in the recordkeeping of multiple employer plans (MEPs). BlueStar's systems which were originally designed to provide the services required by MEPs have uniquely

positioned BlueStar to serve many types of complex plan arrangements, while also providing a superior “basic plan” experience. For more information on BlueStar, contact Tim Werner at [TWerner@BlueStarRetirement.com](mailto:TWerner@BlueStarRetirement.com).

**About Alliance Benefit Group**

Alliance Benefit Group LLC (ABG), is a national organization of retirement plan, health and welfare consulting and benefit administration firms. Founded in 1991, ABG’s unique structure allows its Members to maintain their independence and autonomy, yet provide all Members access to broader service offerings, sharing of best practices, and collaborative technical support. This collaboration has allowed its Members to grow more rapidly than industry counterparts, to where today ABG services 20,000 retirement plans and in excess of \$70 Billion in assets. ABG’s emphasis on high service standards and continuing education designations help its Members to be regularly recognized with industry awards and accolades.

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