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Alliance Benefit Group (ABG) is pleased to announce the winners of its 2017 Plan Sponsor of the Year awards. ABG created this program in an effort to raise awareness of the importance of employers focusing on employee retirement readiness and how they can make a real difference in participant outcomes.

ABG's president, Don Mackanos, said "We thought it was time to identify the best client behaviors across our entire client base in sponsoring their retirement plan, and shine a light on them with an eye towards getting other sponsors to emulate those activities."

Here are the winners from each ABG firm for 2017:

- **Wyffels Hybrids, Inc. (Geneseo, IL) – ABG Illinois**
- **Origin Bancorp, Inc. (Ruston, LA) – 401k Plus**
- **The National Bank of Indianapolis Corp., (Indianapolis, IN) – Nyhart**
- **Dome Construction Inc. (South San Francisco, CA) – ABG Rocky Mountain**
- **Slabjack NW LLC (Issaquah, WA) – Spectrum Pension Consultants**
- **Nemak (Dickson, TN) – ABG Michigan**
- **LBMC Employment Partners, LLC (Brentwood, TN) – The Retirement Plan Co.**
- **American Society of Radiologic Technologists (Albuquerque, NM) – ABG Southwest**
- **Mazak Corporation (Florence, KY) – Pension Corporation of America**
- **Jake's Finer Foods (Houston, TX) – ABG Houston**
- **Yorktown Systems Group, Inc. (Huntsville, AL) – Warren Averett**
- **Eastman Credit Union (Kingsport, TN) – Sentinel Benefits Group**
- **Vermeer Manufacturing (Pella, IA) – Intellicents Inc.**

Winners will receive a beautiful crystal award for display in their offices, plus a digital stamp signifying the award for use on their website and other places.

The criteria used by ABG for nominations were:

- Improvement in results in participant retirement readiness from year to year
- Employer involvement in promoting their plan through employee education and other unique campaigns
- Advisor participation in improving outcomes and driving results
- Implementation of state-of-the-art plan design techniques focused on participant outcomes

One overall national winner will be selected at ABG's semi-annual Best Practices meeting in Baltimore, MD.

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