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The Employers Association Announces Babcock Award Winner



National Gypsum's Nick Rodono Wins Prestigious Human Resources Award

Charlotte, NC – May 14, 2010 – Mr. Nick Rodono, Vice President of Human Resources for National Gypsum recently won the prestigious Babcock Award. This annual award, presented by The Employers Association, recognizes an individual who has achieved excellence in the field of human resources. The Employers Association established the award in 1972 in honor of its founder, G. Randy Babcock, former chairman of Pelton & Crane, Inc.

Rodono has been with National Gypsum for 27 years. He was the architect for moving the company from a classic PPO healthcare plan to HRA and HSA programs. The “dependent audit” he conducted on the healthcare plan and it saved the company \$350,000 per year. He has been instrumental in developing wellness programs for his employees. He partnered with the Mayo Clinic to set up a smoking cessation program for employees and their families. He set up exercise programs 2 nights per week with an outside instructor at one of their facilities. They have set up a Weight Watchers program as well as put healthy choices in their vending machines.

Rodono has set up a management training program where high potentials who are hired from outside the company are put into a formal program to develop them into future plant managers. He also developed a training module for hourly associates. He is heavily involved in the Communities in Schools program and he and his wife have provided a foster home for numerous newborns since 1998 via Catholic Social Services.

The Employers Association is a business organization that serves as a unique source for human resources and training services for more than 840 member companies in the greater Charlotte area. In business since 1958, The Association strives to build a better business climate through services that help companies create and maintain positive and productive employer/employee relationships. The Association is recognized as one of the area’s foremost providers of human resource information and assistance.

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