



## **The 2014 Disability Matters North America Honorees are Selected!**

Mendham, NJ (2/13/14) – Springboard Consulting, LLC® is pleased to announce the Disability Matters North America honorees for 2014.

### **WORKFORCE AWARD**

**AT&T ◦ Exelon Corporation ◦ Office Depot Inc ◦ UPMC**

### **WORKPLACE AWARD**

**Fifth Third Bank ◦ Rush University Medical Center**

### **STEPS TO SUCCESS AWARD**

**Brown-Forman ◦ Genentech ◦ PricewaterhouseCoopers**

### **DISABILITY CHAMPION AWARD**

**Dawn Ehrhart, Senior VP, Adecco Group NA**

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**Margaret Madden, VP, Assistant General Counsel, Pfizer**

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**Brad Hopton, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers**

This year's winners will be honored at our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Disability Matters North America Conference & Awards Banquet to be held April 8-10, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas. They represent the best of the best when it comes to the commitment required and actions necessary to successfully mainstream disability in the workforce, workplace and marketplace. They are the role models we all strive to become.

As the founder and CEO of Springboard Consulting and the Disability Matters Conference, and the mother of two children with special needs, one of whom is currently transitioning from college to the workplace, Nadine Vogel says, "it's personally and professionally gratifying to see the incredible commitment of our honorees to fully include individuals with disabilities as employees and as customers. Their passion fuels the work. Their award winning initiatives inspire everyone."

In addition to celebrating our honorees and learning about their journeys to success, attendees will be educated by speakers representing the U.S. and Canadian governments, post secondary education, disability non-profit and service disabled veterans. If that's not all, this year's Conference, hosted by Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc will continue to inspire attendees with two outstanding Keynote speakers Muffy Davis and Gordon Hartman.

To learn more about our keynote speakers, please click the links below:

**Muffy Davis:** <http://www.consultspringboard.com/2014dmna-muffy-davis-bio/>

**Gordon Hartman:** <http://www.consultspringboard.com/2014dmna-gordon-hartman-bio/>

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