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EMPLOYER NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR GOODWILL POWER OF WORK AWARDS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 12, 2010 – Nominations are invited for the annual Power of Work Awards sponsored by Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania to recognize employers who help people with special needs overcome barriers to employment. Deadline for nominations is September 24 and winners will be honored at an awards ceremony and luncheon at the Omni William Penn Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh on November 3.

The Power of Work Awards competition is open to employers of all types and sizes – businesses, public entities and nonprofit organizations – in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

“Anyone can submit a nomination and any employer can win,” said Jean Nelson-Sims, Development and Special Events Manager for Goodwill. “Employers are encouraged to nominate themselves and nominations also may be submitted by employees, other businesses or organizations, referral agencies, just about anyone.”

An independent panel of judges composed of human service and human resources professionals, civic leaders, and members of the academic community will evaluate the nominees’ efforts in support of workforce development and in creating enhanced opportunities for people who face various barriers to employment. Since the program’s inception in 1997, Goodwill has presented Power of Work Awards to 40 different employers.

Additional information and nomination forms are available from Ms. Nelson-Sims at 412-390-2396 or jean.nelsonsims@goodwillswpa.org. The form also may be downloaded from Goodwill’s Web site, www.goodwillswpa.org.

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