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**LARSON COMPANIES WINS STATE OF WISCONSIN'S EXEMPLARY EMPLOYER AWARD**

**EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN (October 14, 2015)** - Larson Companies was recently awarded the Exemplary Employer Award by the State of Wisconsin. The Department of Workforce Development presented the award to Larson Companies for their commitment to progressive employment practices that encourage the full participation of people with disabilities.

"Larson Companies has believed in and participated in providing this type of opportunity for many years. As beneficial as our involvement in these programs are for the participants, I can assure you that our organization has learned and gained even more," said Thomas Larson, President of Larson Companies.

Only three businesses in Eau Claire received this recognition. Dawn Edlin, Chief People Officer, coordinates the program and accepted the award on behalf of Larson Companies.

**About Larson Companies**

Larson Companies is a multi-disciplined, performance driven organization operating throughout the Upper Midwest. Divisions within the company include commercial real estate development, hospitality management and development and various other management companies.

Larson Companies is affiliated with brands such as Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Clarion, TGI Fridays, Green Mill Restaurant and Bar and Johnny's Italian Steakhouse, to name a few. Over the years, Larson Companies has successfully operated over 20 different hospitality and retail concepts.

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