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Ernst & Young LLP Wins Easter Seals Award for Workplace Diversity and Inclusiveness

April 28, 2014, BOSTON – Easter Seals Massachusetts will honor the Ernst & Young LLP Boston office with its Empowerment Award on June 18 for promoting the value of a diverse and inclusive workforce and enabling its people of all abilities to do their best work.

The award reflects Easter Seals' mission of ensuring that children and adults with disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play. Ernst & Young LLP was chosen to receive the Empowerment Award in the "Work" category.

The Ernst & Young LLP AccessAbilities™ Network works so that people of all abilities at the organization have the tools they need to succeed and grow in their careers. It also raises awareness of abilities-related issues, weaves abilities-related messaging into organization communications, meetings and events, and works to make all its offices, processes, programs and policies accessible and inclusive.

The organization also has created support networks for parents of children with special needs and for caregivers for other adults.

"Ernst & Young LLP knows that a diverse workforce is more likely to understand their clients, think innovatively and come up with creative solutions," Easter Seals President Kirk Joslin said in announcing the award. "We are proud to be working beside this organization to empower people with disabilities to reach their full potential. Together, we are changing the focus to what people can do, rather than what they can't do."

"At EY, our people are committed to building and supporting an inclusive workforce. We feel that achieving our potential begins with helping our people realize their potential as individuals. Bringing our own individual perspectives to what we do each day helps us achieve great things for our people, our clients and our organization. We are very proud to be recognized by Easter Seals for this year's Empowerment Award in the category of Work," said George Neble, Boston Office Managing Partner, Ernst & Young LLP.

The Empowerment Awards are being presented for the first time this year at the annual Easter Seals Evening of Empowerment gala. The event will be held at the State Room, 60 State Street, in Boston.

EY is a global leader in assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services. Ernst & Young LLP, a member of the global EY organization, was ranked No. 1 among the 2013 DiversityInc Top 10 Companies for People with Disabilities.

About Easter Seals

Easter Seals Massachusetts provides services to ensure that children and adults with disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play. Nonprofit and nonsectarian, Easter Seals offers technological assistance, employment and training services, recreational activities, youth transition and leadership programs, veterans' services, rehabilitation services and public awareness programs. For more information, call 800-244-2756 or go to www.EasterSealsMa.org.

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