

CED to Honor Six Business Leaders and Companies at Awards Dinner in New York City

September 25, 2018 – New York, N.Y. – Tomorrow, the Committee for Economic Development of The Conference Board (CED) will honor six business leaders who have led their companies with distinction. A decades-long CED tradition, this year's *Distinguished Performance Awards Dinner* at The Pierre Hotel will honor the following individuals and companies before an audience of nearly 500 business, civic, and policy leaders:

- **Ellen R. Alemany**, Chairwoman and CEO of CIT Group, will receive the *Peter G. Peterson Business Statesmanship Award*. The Award was established in honor of Peter G. Peterson, one of CED's longest serving Trustees. It recognizes a corporate executive and company that champion issues in the interest of the public good, and that hold themselves to the highest standards of ethics and integrity. Presenting her with the Award is **Thomas B. Michaud**, President and CEO of Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, *A Stifel Company*.
- **Michele Buck**, President and CEO of The Hershey Company, will receive the *Corporate Citizenship Award*. The Award is presented to a company that demonstrates a strong commitment to corporate responsibility practices, and whose leader actively engages in supporting and expanding those efforts. Presenting her with the Award is **Ted Mathas**, Chairman and CEO of New York Life.
- **Greg Case**, Chief Executive Officer of Aon, will receive the *Owen B. Butler Education Excellence Award*. The Award was established in 2013 in honor of Brad Butler, former Chairman and CEO of Procter & Gamble, and former Chairman of CED. The Award recognizes an individual and company that make an exceptional commitment to quality education and workforce development programs. Presenting him with the Award is **Edward B. Rust, Jr.**, Chairman Emeritus of State Farm Insurance Companies.
- **Emanuel "Manny" Chirico**, Chairman and CEO of PVH Corp., will receive the *CED Leadership Award*. The Award honors a CED Trustee who demonstrates exceptional service to the organization and the special contributions that he or she has made to its policy research and programmatic activities. Presenting him with the Award is **Ronald A. Williams**, Chairman and CEO of RW2 Enterprises, LLC, and former Chairman and CEO of Aetna.
- **Beth Mooney**, Chairman and CEO of KeyBank, will receive the *Leadership in Diversity Award*. The Award honors a business leader and company that foster diversity in the workplace and for their efforts to champion underrepresented groups. This Award aligns with CED's *Advancing Women in Corporate Leadership* initiative, which encourages corporations to increase the number of women in leadership positions. Presenting her with the Award is **Randall Stephenson**, Chairman and CEO of AT&T.
- **Julie Sweet**, Chief Executive Officer of Accenture North America, will receive the *Excellence in Public Policy Award*. The Award recognizes an individual and company that advocate policies that address society's key concerns, including long-term economic growth, educational excellence, sustainability, corporate governance, and innovation. Presenting her with the Award is **Mike Gregoire**, Chairman and CEO of CA Technologies.

"In both their companies and communities, CED's 2018 Honorees exemplify leadership at the highest level," said Bernard C. Bailey, President of CED. "By showcasing their extraordinary work, we inspire executives across the country to further strengthen the fabric between business, government, and society – a core component of CED's mission."

[Here](#), read more about this year's honorees and introducers.

About the Committee for Economic Development

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