

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

September 12, 2017 – New York, N.Y. – Tomorrow, the Committee for Economic Development of The Conference Board (CED) will honor six business leaders and their companies that have led with distinction. As part of CED's *Distinguished Performance Awards Dinner* at The Pierre Hotel, the following six individuals will receive recognition before an audience of nearly 500 of their peers.

- **Mark T. Bertolini**, Chairman and CEO of Aetna, 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.
- **Deanna M. Mulligan**, President and CEO of The Guardian Life Insurance Company of 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.
- **Ronald P. O'Hanley**, President and CEO of State Street Global Advisors, will receive the *CED Leadership Award*. The Award honors a CED Member who demonstrates exceptional service to the organization and the special contributions to policy research and programmatic activities.
- **Sandra E. Peterson**, Group Worldwide Chairman of Johnson & Johnson, 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.
- **Mike Petters**, President and CEO of Huntington Ingalls Industries, 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.
- **Arne M. Sorenson**, President and CEO of Marriott International, 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.

"For 75 years, CED has been engaging the business community in the leading economic, educational, and corporate governance challenges facing the nation," said Steve Odland, President and CEO of CED. "At CED's *Distinguished Performance Awards Dinner*, highlighting the outstanding work of these six honorees and companies inspires others in the business community to follow suit."

[Here](#), read more about this year's honorees, along with their colleagues from the business community who will be introducing them.

About the Committee for Economic Development

Founded in 1942, the Committee for Economic Development of The Conference Board (CED) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, business-led public policy organization that delivers well-researched analysis and reasoned solutions to our nation's most critical issues. CED's work is grounded on seven core principles: sustainable capitalism, long-term economic growth, efficient fiscal and regulatory policy, competitive and open markets, a globally competitive workforce, equal economic opportunity, and nonpartisanship in the nation's interest. View our latest research on sustainable capitalism, education, immigration, infrastructure, campaign finance, tax reform, and health care here: www.ced.org.