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Avakian Seeks Nominations of Outstanding Oregon Employers

State Labor Commissioner will present 3rd Annual BOLI Business Leadership Awards

PORTLAND—Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian, head of the state's Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), has announced the opening of nominee submissions for the 3rd Annual BOLI Business Leadership Awards. These awards are intended to provide distinction to a select group of businesses that go above and beyond the call of duty in supporting civil rights and equal opportunity, fair workplaces, and developing Oregon's workforce through employee training. The awards ceremony will take place on December 1 at the 27th Annual BOLI Employment Law Conference in Portland.

"Oregon is a great state, home to businesses that exemplify the spirit of BOLI's mission in their work every day," said Commissioner Avakian. "As the state's champion for civil rights, fair workplaces and workforce development, we want to recognize some of those businesses for their exceptional efforts."

BOLI Business Leadership Awards will be presented in three categories: Civil Rights Champion, won last year by Verde of Portland; Fair Workplace Champion, won last year by Continental Mills of Pendleton and MaPS Credit Union of Salem; and Workforce Development Champion, won last year by Columbia River Bar Pilots of Astoria.

Nominations are open for just five weeks: now through November 7. Nominees must be businesses or non-profit employers currently operating primarily within Oregon, or with headquarters in Oregon. Awards will be determined based on information provided in the nomination form, as well as the nominee's company size and geographic location.

What:	BOLI Business Leadership Awards
Who:	Presented by BOLI Commissioner Brad Avakian
When:	Nominations are due by 5pm on Monday, November 7, 2011
Where:	Nomination forms and additional information are available at www.oregon.gov/boli/
How:	Submit nominations by email to Bob.Estabrook@state.or.us Or by fax to 971-673-0762

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