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## **Days After Being Named One of Chicago's 101 Best & Brightest Companies, FONA Wins Elite Status for 15<sup>th</sup> Year**

**Geneva, IL, August 5, 2020** - For the 15<sup>th</sup> year, FONA International, family-owned creator and manufacturer of complete flavor solutions, was named as an Elite winner under *Chicago's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For*. FONA was recognized as an Elite winner in the Strategic Company Performance Category. The announcement comes just days after FONA was recognized as one of *Chicago's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For*. View the full list of Elite winners [here](#).



“What an honor! To be named as a 2020 Elite Winner is such an exciting recognition for FONA,” said Jeremy Thompson, Chief Operating Officer, “Being named an Elite Winner for Strategic Company Performance recognizes the dedication our Human Resources team has to driving performance for our people and our business each day.”

Representing 13 different award categories, the distinctive awards competition is presented annually by the Best and Brightest Companies to Work For<sup>®</sup>. Winners are selected based on their overall high scores and are then named an Elite winner in their respective category. Category examples include Strategic Company Performance; Recruitment, Selection and Orientation; Employee Enrichment, Engagement and Retention; Community Initiatives; Diversity and Inclusion; Employee Education and Development and more.

“These companies have shown fortitude during this crisis and have inspired others to make critical decisions for the betterment of their teams” said Jennifer Kluge, president of The Best and Brightest Companies to Work For<sup>®</sup>. “They focus on the needs of their employees as a primary objective, even in times like this and are the leaders of our Chicago community.”

The announcement comes just days after FONA’s recognition as one of Chicago’s Best & Brightest Companies to Work For. The recognition also follows FONA’s ranking as a National Best and Brightest Company to work for, National Best and Brightest in Wellness and as the #5 Small/Medium Best Workplace in Chicago by Fortune magazine and Great Place to Work. FONA was also recently named one of Fortune magazine and Great Place to Work’s 100 best workplaces in the nation and the #2 medium-sized workplace in the nation for manufacturing and production.

### **ABOUT FONA INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

Founded more than 30 years ago, FONA International creates and produces flavors for many of the largest food, beverage, and nutritional companies in the world. It offers flavor solutions for the confection, grain, beverage, performance nutrition, OTC and emerging markets from its state-of-the-art, 33-acre campus in Geneva, IL. FONA’s seven core values drive it to pursue excellence and foster



incredible partnerships. More than just great flavors — FONA provides exceptional service and complete market solutions.

**ABOUT THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR®**

The Best and Brightest Companies to Work For® is a program that provides the business community with the opportunity to gain recognition, showcase their best practices and demonstrate why they are an ideal place for employees to work. This national program celebrates those companies that are making better business, creating richer lives and building a stronger community as a whole.