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## **For the 16<sup>th</sup> straight year, FONA International named one of Chicago's Best & Brightest Companies to Work For**

**Geneva, IL, July 14, 2021** - For the 16<sup>th</sup> straight year, FONA International, creator and manufacturer of complete flavor solutions, was named one of *Chicago's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For* by the National Association for Business Resources (NABR). View the full list of winners [here](#).



“We’re so thrilled to receive this award for the 16<sup>th</sup> year in a row! Being named one of Chicago’s Best & Brightest Companies represents our dedication to our valued employees and the commitment we have to our FONA values.” said Tonya Hubbart, Vice President of Human Resources.

To receive this honor, FONA was evaluated by an independent research firm on various categories including compensation, benefits and employee solutions; employee enrichment, engagement and retention; employee education and development; recruitment, selection and orientation; employee achievement and recognition; communication and shared vision; diversity and inclusion; work-life balance; community initiatives; and strategic company performance. The NABR has identified numerous best Human Resource practices and provided benchmarking for companies that continue to be leaders in employment standards.

“The Best and Brightest is a powerful community of elite leaders who share ideas and practices, and have proven they are employers of choice. Best and Brightest winning companies have also been a voice for important actions in creating a sustainable culture that works, ensuring the wellbeing of their employees come first,” said Jennifer Kluge, President and CEO, Best and Brightest Programs.

This award follows several others including FONA’s most recent recognition as a Best Workplace in Chicago by Great Place to Work. It also follows FONA’s recognition as a National Best & Brightest Company to Work For and Elite status in Strategic Company Performance, win as the Nation’s #1 Workplace in Manufacturing and Production by Fortune Magazine and National Best & Brightest in Wellness.

### **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. FONA was purchased by McCormick in late 2020 and is now one of McCormick & Company's family of brands. Every day, no matter where or what you eat or drink, you can enjoy food flavored by McCormick. Founded in 1889, McCormick envisions A World United by Flavor where healthy, sustainable, and delicious go hand in hand. To learn more, visit [www.mccormickcorporation.com](http://www.mccormickcorporation.com).



## **ABOUT THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST TO WORK FOR® PROGRAM**

The Best and Brightest Companies to Work For® is a national 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. It is presented annually in several markets, including Atlanta, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Miami, Milwaukee, Nashville, New York, Portland, San Diego, San Francisco Bay Area, Seattle, West Michigan and Nationally.