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## **16 Years in a Row: FONA International named a Best & Brightest Elite Winner for Work-Life Balance**

**Geneva, IL, July 30, 2021** - FONA International, creator and manufacturer of complete flavor solutions, was named a Work-Life Balance Elite Winner by *Chicago's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For* and the National Association for Business Resources (NABR). FONA has been named an Elite Award winner for the past 16 years. View the full list of winners [here](#).

“We’re so honored! Receiving this award reflects our commitment to providing a positive work-life balance for the FONA organization that allows them to excel both inside and outside of work. We’re thrilled to receive an elite award this year, which is our 16<sup>th</sup> in a row!” said Tonya Hubbartt, Vice President of Human Resources.

To receive this honor, elite winners are selected based on their overall high scores and then named an elite winner in their highest performing category and outranked all of the competing companies in every category used to evaluate the winning entries. Being recognized as the leader in Work-Life Balance by Chicago’s Best and Brightest Companies to Work For is a great honor and reflects the program’s mission and guiding principles: Better Business. Richer Lives. Stronger Communities.

“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. “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.”

This award follows several others including FONA’s most recent recognition as one of Chicago’s Best & Brightest Companies to Work For and a Great Place to Work Best Workplace in Chicago. In addition, Fortune magazine recently named FONA the #1 Workplace in Manufacturing & Production, and FONA was named a National Best & Brightest Company to Work For. Check out more about FONA’s awards at [www.fona.com/awards](http://www.fona.com/awards).

### **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





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**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.