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For the 17th straight year, FONA named one of Chicago's Best & Brightest Companies to Work For



Geneva, IL, June 2, 2022 - For the 17th straight year, FONA, 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 honored and excited to receive this award for the 17th year in a row! Being named one of Chicago’s Best & Brightest Companies represents our dedication to our valued employees and our commitment to providing them with a best-in-class work culture, benefits and employee development opportunities that enables them to succeed even in changing times,” said Tonya Hubbartt, Vice President of Human Resources.

FONA was evaluated by an independent research firm on various categories including: Compensation, Benefits and Employee Solutions; Creative, Wellness and Wellbeing Solutions, Employee Enrichment, Engagement and Retention; Employee Education and Development; Recruitment and Selection; Employee Achievement and Recognition; Communication and Shared Vision; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Work-Life Blend; Community Initiatives and Corporate Responsibility; and Leadership, Strategy and Company Performance. The NABR has identified numerous best Human Resource practices and provided benchmarking for companies that continue to be leaders in employment standards.

“These 2022 winning organizations have stood out during unpredictable times and have proven they are an employer of choice. They continue to keep the needs of their employees first and provide perks that include, development, wellbeing, work-life balance, rewards and recognition. In addition, these winning companies offer a fantastic work culture and workplace environment that attracts and retains superior employees,” said Jennifer Kluge, President and CEO of NABR and The Best and Brightest Program.

This award follows several other FONA recognitions including being named one of the Nation’s Best and Brightest in Wellness as well 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 with Elite status in Strategic Company Performance and win as the Nation’s #2 Workplace in Manufacturing and Production by Fortune Magazine.

ABOUT FONA

FONA is owned and operated by McCormick & Company, a global leader in flavor. Founded more than 30 years ago, FONA 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 is one of McCormick & Company's Flavor Solutions 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.



ABOUT THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST TO WORK FOR® PROGRAM

The Best and Brightest Companies to Work For® competition identifies and honors organizations that display a commitment to excellence in operations and employee enrichment that lead to increased productivity and financial performance. This competition scores potential winners based on regional data of company performance and a set standard across the nation. This program celebrates those companies that are making better business, creating richer lives and building a stronger community as a whole. There are numerous regional celebrations throughout the country, including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Houston, Milwaukee, San Diego, San Francisco, Miami, New York, Charlotte, Denver, Nashville, Pacific Northwest and Nationally.