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West Bend Mutual Insurance Honored with National Workplace Award for Tenth Straight Year

WEST BEND, WI (December 5, 2019) – For the tenth year in a row and for the seventh overall in the insurers/providers category, *Business Insurance* magazine and the Best Companies Group have named West Bend Mutual Insurance Company one of the nation's top places to work in the large property/casualty insurer category. West Bend, one of 100 companies nationally recognized in the 2019 Best Places to Work in Insurance program, ranked fourth in the large company category.

The national awards program is designed to identify, recognize, and honor the best places of employment in the commercial insurance industry, benefiting the industry's economy, its workforce, and businesses. Companies participating in the program include property/casualty insurers, group life/health insurers, reinsurers, third-party administrators, and agents/brokers.

“At West Bend, our vision is to be the company of choice for our policyholders, agents, and associates,” said Kevin Steiner, president and CEO. “This top workplace award is strong evidence that our associates see West Bend as their company of choice. We believe our positive and motivating work environment helps our 1,300 associates deliver outstanding service to our agents and policyholders, which helps make West Bend their company of choice, too.”

West Bend offers their associates many amenities, including continuing education courses held in a state-of-the-art training facility; an on-site bank and medical clinic; a 7,100-square-foot fitness center; a variety of fitness classes; three miles of walking trails; on-site massage therapist; and wellness programs that include health risk assessments.

West Bend associates say they like being part of a company with community and environmental priorities. West Bend actively supports dozens of not-for-profit organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, United Way, and The MACC Fund. Care for the environment is promoted with gardens for associates to grow their own organic produce, reduction of paper use, elimination of plastic wear and Styrofoam in the on-site cafeteria, and the preservation of 160 acres of prairie on their campus. These are just a few of the company's sustainability initiatives.

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