



## **AMC Entertainment<sup>®</sup> Inc. Honored as Lead Employer of the Year by the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN<sup>®</sup>)**

**Kansas City, Mo.** (Oct. 27, 2011) - AMC Entertainment<sup>®</sup> Inc. (AMC) is proud to announce its selection as the Lead Employer of the Year by the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN<sup>®</sup>) at the 2011 USBLN Annual Leadership Awards Dinner.

According to the USBLN, "the purpose of the Annual Leadership Awards is to further the USBLN<sup>®</sup> mission of identifying leading disability workplace, market place and supply chain practices in use today. These awards provide the metrics by which our Corporate Partners, BLN affiliates, Volunteers and Organizational Allies are recognized for their demonstration of outstanding commitment to promoting disability diversity across the enterprise. Award recipients clearly embody the highest ethical standards and values in our community."

This year, AMC created a new national employment outreach program, FOCUS (Furthering Opportunities, Cultivating Untapped Strengths), which is designed to encourage and facilitate the hiring of people with disabilities at AMC Theatres. The program, which has gone from one participating theatre to more than 70 in just a few months, continues to grow and has helped move the company well beyond compliance, more than doubling the number of people with disabilities in its employ.

"We at AMC take great pride in fostering a work environment that's not only inclusive, but supportive of all our associates at every level in the company," said Keith Wiedenkiller, senior vice president and chief people officer at AMC. "The award is a reflection of the dedication by all of our associates to maintaining that work environment."

Beyond its own walls, AMC has also led the charge for an inclusive work environment in its community. AMC is the founding employer of The Greater Kansas City Business Leadership Network, Inc. (GKC-BLN), which is led by Wiedenkiller. GKC-BLN, a business-to-business coalition, works in the Kansas City metropolitan area to enhance employment opportunities for people with disabilities through education and awareness.

The GKC-BLN has hosted more than 12 one-half day educational programs on the topics of disability etiquette, busting accommodation myths, Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act briefings, "real life stories", and creating a business case for hiring individuals with disabilities, among others. It has also created an annual award recognizing leading disability employment practices in the Kansas City area.

### **About AMC Entertainment Inc.**

AMC Entertainment Inc. delivers distinctive and affordable movie-going experiences in 357 theatres with 5,098 screens across the United States and Canada. The company operates 22 of the 50 highest grossing theatres in the country, including the top three. AMC has propelled industry innovation and continues today by delivering premium sight and sound, enhanced food and beverage and diverse content. [AMCTheatres.com](http://AMCTheatres.com).

### **About the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN<sup>®</sup>)**

The US Business Leadership Network (USBLN<sup>®</sup>) is the national disability organization that serves as the collective voice of over 60 Business Leadership Network affiliates across North America, representing over 5,000 employers. The USBLN<sup>®</sup> promotes the business imperative of the preparation and inclusion of people with disabilities in the workplace, marketplace, and supply chain while supporting the development and expansion of its BLN affiliates. The USBLN<sup>®</sup> recognizes and supports best practices in hiring and advancing employees with disabilities, marketing to consumers with disabilities, and encourages contracting with vendors with disabilities through the development and certification of disability-owned businesses.

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