

# EPIC Honored as One of 2011's 'Healthiest Employers of the Bay Area' by Leading Business Journals

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Oct. 20, 2011 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – EPIC (Edgewood Partners Insurance Center), a retail property, casualty and employee benefits insurance brokerage, has been recognized as one of 2011's "Healthiest Employers of the Bay Area."

The San Francisco Business Times and the San Jose/Silicon Valley Business Journal presented the award to companies that exhibited outstanding originality and focus in encouraging health and wellness for their employees. Approximately 100 Bay Area companies were nominated and of the 58 companies selected to receive the award, EPIC ranked an impressive second in the 25 to 99 employees category.

Team members from EPIC were surveyed regarding the company's focus on six key areas: culture and leadership commitment, foundational components, strategic planning, communication and marketing and programming and interventions.

"Our culture at EPIC wholly embraces a balanced work-life environment. We view health and wellness as an imperative component of this balance," said Mary Smith, director of human resources. "We believe our commitment to helping our employees pursue a healthier lifestyle is an important step in maintaining our 'people first' culture at EPIC."

EPIC is now in its second year of offering a wellness plan to its employees. The wellness plan includes benefits such as annual biometric screenings, identifying major health risks, and offering medical benefits premium incentives.

Employees are also encouraged to participate in community events such as the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure and getting involved in routine exercise at the office including organized group walks at lunch.

"Though we are pleased and proud to receive this recognition, the real value of surveys like this is to help us to better understand how we're doing in building a world-class culture that is unique in our industry," notes Dan R. Francis, EPIC co-founder and CEO. "This award is an affirmation that our people value our vision of achieving a healthy 'work life balance' and helping each other strive for excellence every day."

## **About EPIC (Edgewood Partners Insurance Center):**

Founded in 2007, EPIC is a new and innovative California-based retail property & casualty and employee benefits insurance brokerage firm. The company provides a unique equity ownership opportunity and has created a values-based culture that attracts and retains top talent, fosters employee satisfaction and loyalty and sustains a high level of customer service

excellence.

The fastest growing brokerage in the state, EPIC now has nearly 300 team members operating from eight offices across California (Los Angeles, Orange, Irvine, Folsom, San Francisco, San Mateo, Petaluma and San Ramon) and in Baltimore, MD.

With nearly \$60 million in revenues, EPIC ranks among the top 50 retail insurance brokers in the United States and is the 5th largest privately-held broker in California. For more information please visit [www.edgewoodins.com](http://www.edgewoodins.com).

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