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LAKE AREA TECH Named a “2011 Great College to Work For”

Honor by The Chronicle of Higher Education puts Lake Area Tech in Elite Company

JULY 25, 2011 Watertown, SD For the third consecutive year, Lake Area Tech is selected one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to a new survey by The Chronicle of Higher Education. The results, released today in The Chronicle's fourth annual report on The Academic Workplace, are based on a survey of nearly 44,000 employees at 310 colleges and universities across the country.

In all, only 111 of the 310 institutions achieved “Great College to Work For” recognition for specific best practices and policies. Results are reported for small, medium, and large institutions. Lake Area Tech employees rated the institution highly enough to be recognized in the following categories: Collaborative Governance; Teaching Environment; Facilities, Workspaces & Security; Confidence in Senior Leadership; Respect and Appreciation.

“This is a very satisfying affirmation of Lake Area Tech, but our real goal is not recognition -- it's being a community that values the needs and contributions of every individual. In that sense everyone at Lake Area Tech helps to make this a great place to work,” said Lake Area Tech President Deb Shephard.

The Chronicle is the nation's most important source of news about colleges and universities. “With the Great Colleges program, The Chronicle can provide even more of the vital information our readers rely on – unbiased reporting on which colleges are being innovative in their workplace practices.” said Jeffrey J. Selingo, The Chronicle's editor.

The survey results are based on a two-part assessment process: an institutional audit that captured demographics and workplace policies from each institution, and a survey administered to faculty, administrators, and professional support staff. The primary factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition was the employee feedback.

Great Colleges to Work For is one of the largest and most respected workplace-recognition programs in the country. For more information and to view all the results of the survey, visit The Chronicle's Web site at <http://chronicle.com/academicworkplace>