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New North Companies Rated Among Best Places to Work **ACUITY, Badger Mining, 4imprint among best small and medium-sized companies in America**

NEW NORTH, June 24, 2008 – Three New North companies were named this week among the Best Small and Medium Companies to Work for in America by the *Great Place to Work Institute* (GPWI).

Sheboygan-based ACUITY was named the second best medium-sized company to work for in America, Badger Mining Corporation, headquartered in Berlin, was named the second best small-sized company, and Oshkosh-based 4imprint, Inc. was named the seventh best medium-sized company. Small companies are defined as having between 50-250 employees, and medium-sized companies have between 251-999 employees.

Another Wisconsin company – Milwaukee-based Kahler Slater, an architectural and interior design firm with offices in Green Bay – was ranked as the seventh best small company for which to work.

"It's no surprise that companies in the New North are being recognized as some of the nation's best places to work," said Jerry Murphy, Executive Director of the New North, Inc. "With some of the hardest working, best educated employees in the country, innovative, successful companies, and great communities, our region is one of the best places in country in which to live, work, and raise a family."

The Best Small & Medium Companies to Work For list identifies those companies with the highest levels of trust between employees and management, where upwards of 90% of the employees say "Taking everything into account, I'd say this is a great place to work."

For a complete list of the winners, please visit www.greatplacetowork.com.

New North, Inc. is a regional collaboration effort focused on promoting regional cooperation and economic development in an 18-county region in Northeast Wisconsin. The 18 counties included in the New North are Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Waupaca, Brown, Shawano, Oconto, Marinette, Door, Kewaunee, Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Florence, Menominee, and Waushara. To find out more information about New North, Inc., please visit our website at www.thenewnorth.com.

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