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VIBRANT PITTSBURGH TO HOST SECOND ECONOMIC INCLUSION SUMMIT

Two Area CEOs to Receive Awards for Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion

PITTSBURGH, PA September 12, 2018 -- Vibrant Pittsburgh will present its Regional Economic Inclusion Summit on Monday, September 17, 2018 at the Westin Convention Center Hotel in Pittsburgh.

This is the second year Vibrant Pittsburgh is hosting the event in Pittsburgh. The Regional Economic Inclusion Summit focuses on how corporations and other organizations can enhance the competitiveness of the region by attracting and retaining a diversity of talent, and how they can better engage in developing multi-cultural professionals for leadership roles. The event is expected to draw nearly 400 people from the region's top employers, government agencies, and community organizations.

Jerry MacCleary, CEO of Covestro, Inc. and Patrick Gallagher, Ph.D., Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh will be presented with Vibrant Pittsburgh's *Leading the Way* award during lunch at the Summit. This award recognizes executive leaders who have been the most innovative and effective in leading diversity and inclusion strategies within their organizations. The region's top performing Employee Business Resource Groups and their executive sponsors will also be recognized.

"One of the keys to the Pittsburgh region's economic growth is ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to advance in their careers," noted Vibrant Pittsburgh CEO Melanie Harrington. "At this year's Summit, we have the opportunity to recognize people and organizations that are creating and sustaining a climate that encourages diversity and helps professionals of all backgrounds thrive."

The Summit includes a wide array of educational sessions and concludes with a cocktail reception where attendees can learn more about the area's diverse community organizations.

Founded in 2010, Vibrant Pittsburgh is an economic development non-profit organization whose mission is to grow a thriving and inclusive Pittsburgh region by attracting, retaining, and elevating a diversity of talent. For more information, follow us @VibrantBurgh or visit www.vibrantpittsburgh.org

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