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## NATION'S GOVERNORS RECOGNIZE THREE COMPANIES FOR OUTSTANDING COLLABORATION WITH STATES

*NGA Honors Intel, Union Pacific and UnitedHealthcare with Public-Private Partnership Awards at 2010 Winter Meeting*

**WASHINGTON**—The National Governors Association (NGA) today honored Intel, [Union Pacific](#) and UnitedHealthcare with its annual Public-Private Partnership Awards at the closing session of the 2010 NGA Winter Meeting. The awards, in their fourth year, recognize NGA Corporate Fellow companies that have partnered with a governor's office to implement a program or project that positively affects the state's citizens.

Intel was nominated by **Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer** for its overall commitment to education in the state and the *Intel Teach* professional development program – a partnership with Arizona that helps teachers incorporate technology into their classrooms to ensure students develop the skills they need and helps prepare teachers for 21<sup>st</sup> century careers.

“Intel has a strong presence in Arizona and a culture of community outreach and giving that benefits education,” said **Gov. Brewer**. “Since the beginning of the *Intel Teach* program almost 10 years ago, more than 17,500 Arizona educators have participated in professional development. This effective program has been designated as one of the state's key initiatives for increasing the use of educational technology in Arizona classrooms.”

“Intel is honored to be recognized by NGA and Gov. Brewer for our work alongside the Arizona Department of Education on *Intel Teach*,” said Shelly Esque, Intel vice president and director of corporate affairs. “*Intel Teach* arms teachers with tools to successfully inspire young people to be the next generation of innovators.”

Union Pacific was nominated by **Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman** for its innovative [Principals' Partnership](#) program. Through the program, Union Pacific works with Nebraska, as well as 20 other states, to provide high school principals with on-site assistance from education professionals; networking opportunities to share best practices; professional development activities and summits; and a wealth of online resources.

**Gov. Heineman** said, “Union Pacific goes above and beyond to work with Nebraska and other states to increase student success by facilitating the *Principals' Partnership*. This partnership has fostered significant change in schools with participating principals and I applaud this project. In Nebraska, the program reaches more than 40,000 students through the 33 participating principals, and through 1,000 principals nationwide the program reaches more than 1 million students.”

“Union Pacific is extremely proud to have the *Principals' Partnership* recognized by NGA,” said Robert W. Turner, Union Pacific senior vice president for corporate relations and Union Pacific Foundation president. “High school principals play a vital role in our nation's education system and shaping the future of our youth. Providing principals with resources to meet their leadership needs and professional growth objectives helps

them make positive changes in their schools, and it provides us a way to connect to the communities we serve.”

UnitedHealthcare was nominated by **Rhode Island Gov. Donald L. Carcieri** for the operation of the successful employee health and wellness initiative, *Get Fit, RI*. The program, which serves approximately 14,000 state employees, has inspired businesses in the state to adopt wellness programs and policies; spurred the recognition of Rhode Island as the first “Well State” in America by the Wellness Councils of America; and improved the health and productivity of state government employees.

“Rhode Island state government could not have achieved the great success and growth of the *Get Fit, RI* program without the extraordinary dedication and involvement of UnitedHealthcare,” said **Gov. Carcieri**. “Over the past four years, this program has not only helped to increase the health and wellness of Rhode Island state employees, but has also served as a model for businesses in the state and the nation as a whole.”

“It is an honor for UnitedHealthcare to be recognized by Gov. Carcieri and NGA for our commitment to wellness and helping people live healthier lives,” said Stephen Farrell, CEO, UnitedHealthcare of New England. “The success of the *Get Fit RI* program demonstrates how a strong multi-year public-private partnership between the state of Rhode Island and UnitedHealthcare has delivered meaningful results for thousands of state employees.”

The NGA Corporate Fellows Program, now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year, promotes the exchange of information between the private sector and governors on emerging trends and factors affecting both business and state government.

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