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FONA President Amy McDonald Wins Leadership Award from Great Place to Work



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LEADERSHIP AWARD



Geneva, IL, March 8, 2018 – Amy McDonald, President of FONA International, just received an inaugural Great Place to Work for All Leadership Award. Amy was recognized for consistently playing a critical role in helping FONA deliver strategic growth and helping to create a high-trust culture.

“We are thrilled for Amy, and for our FONA family under her leadership. This award acknowledges something that so many of us know already — that Amy is an incredible leader in every sense of the word,” said Joe Slawek, FONA CEO & Chairman. “She guides and pushes for growth and innovation like only a true visionary can. Her focus, her tireless enthusiasm and her passion have truly helped make FONA a Great Place to Work for All.”

Amy was one of 77 honorees, and the companies represented include multi-million dollar corporations such as Delta Airlines, Expedia, Four Seasons, among others.

The inaugural awards took place last night in San Francisco, on the eve of the 107th International Women’s Day and honored women leaders from companies on Fortune’s lists of the *100 Best Companies to Work For* and *Best Workplaces for Women*. This year, FONA was named the #44 workplace for women (of any size company) and the #43 workplace in the nation overall (medium-sized) by *Fortune* and Great Place to Work. They also named FONA the top (#1) medium-sized workplace in Chicagoland. See the independent review here:

<http://reviews.greatplacetowork.com/fona-international-inc>

In announcing the honorees Great Place to Work CEO Michael C. Bush said that being a great workplace for every employee maximizes revenue, profit and growth.

“We are excited to celebrate the achievements of some of the top women leaders at America’s greatest companies,” he said. “[They] are leading the conversation in workplace equality and are demonstrating to corporate America on how to become more diverse, more innovative, and great places to work for all.”

ABOUT FONA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Founded more than 30 years ago, FONA International creates and produces flavors for many of the largest food, beverage, nutritional companies in the world. It offers flavor solutions for the confection, grain, beverage, performance nutrition, and emerging markets from its state-of-the-art, 33-acre campus in Geneva, IL. FONA’s seven core values drive it to pursue excellence and foster incredible partnerships. More than just great flavors – FONA provides complete market solutions.

ABOUT GREAT PLACE TO WORK

Great Place to Work is the global authority on high-trust, high-performance workplace cultures. Through its certification programs, Great Place to Work recognizes outstanding workplace cultures and produces the annual FORTUNE "100 Best Companies to Work For®" and Great Place to Work Best Workplaces lists for Millennials, women, diversity, industries and, internationally, countries and regions. Through its culture consulting services, Great Place to Work helps its clients create great workplaces that outpace peers on key business metrics like revenue growth, profitability, retention and stock performance.