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## Port Madison Enterprises Earns Regional Workplace Honors *Tribal company named a finalist in Puget Sound Business Journals' best workplaces competition*

**SUQUAMISH, June 23, 2008-** Port Madison Enterprises executives and the Suquamish Tribe have cause to celebrate. The tribal-owned corporation has been named a finalist in the Puget Sound Business Journal's Western Washington's Best Workplaces competition.

The honor, given to companies with exemplary benefits and employee opportunities, marks the first of its kind for a tribally-owned company in Washington State.

"There is a lot of recognition that comes with being named a finalist in this competition. It's an excellent recruitment tool for us and lets guests know that they are not only coming to one of the best entertainment destinations in the area, but one of the best companies as well," said PME Human Resource Director Barbara Griffin.

PME is one of hundreds of companies nominated in the competition. Only 20 companies in the Puget Sound become finalists, with rankings based on employee surveys conducted at each nominated property. The Puget Sound Business Journal invites all finalists to a ceremony at Safeco Field in Seattle, WA every year and gives awards to the 3 highest ranking companies with special honors.

"We won't know if we'll receive one of the highest awards until the ceremony on August 13," said Griffin.

PME offers full-time employees a comprehensive benefits package including complete medical, dental and vision coverage. After a year of service, employees are also encouraged to join their 401K program, where the company matches employees 150 percent, up to 4 percent of their pay.

"In our 401K plan, if an employee decides to put \$40 a paycheck into their retirement plan, we put in \$60," said Griffin.

PME offers all employees childcare discounts, cash incentives for exemplary performance and a variety of health programs. In addition, the company provides ample community involvement opportunities for employees through outreach programs, blood drives and the popular Relay for Life fundraiser, benefiting the American Cancer Society.

PME is fast becoming one of the largest employers in Kitsap County with more than 750 people working in retail, hospitality and entertainment. The company includes Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort, the historic Kiana Lodge, Suquamish Village Shell and Subway, Longhouse Texaco and the Masi Shop. PME also includes a newly-developed property management firm with several commercial and residential properties in North Kitsap.

PME, acting as an agency of the Suquamish Tribal Government, develops community resources while promoting the economic and social welfare of the Suquamish Tribe through commercial activities.

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