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## **DMEC Announces 2008 Partnership Award Winners**

**San Diego, California—August 10, 2008**—The Disability Management Employer Coalition (DMEC) presented its annual Partnership Awards on August 10 as part of the opening ceremonies at its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference in Denver, Colorado. DMEC recognized five long-time members who have shown exemplary support and dedication to the organization. The award winners are:

- **Michael Klachefsky**, Principal at Mercer Health & Benefits
- **Ken Mitchell**, Vice President of Corporate Return To Work Development at Unum
- **Phil Bruen**, Vice President & Practice Leader, Large Employer Market at Unum
- **Mark Raderstorf**, President of Behavioral Medical Interventions (BMI)
- **Lisa Triplett**, Health and Disability Manager at Visant Corporation

“These five industry leaders exemplify the volunteer spirit and dedication to improvement of their field that enables non-profit organizations like to DMEC to truly make a difference. We are grateful for their support and willingness to help,” says Marcia Carruthers, CPDM, CEO of DMEC.

Since 2000, DMEC has awarded this honor to only 35 individuals, representing both the employer and supplier constituency. Criteria for the award include:

- long standing membership;
- participation in chapter and national committees;
- personal commitment of volunteer hours;
- passion for the advancement of absence and disability management; and
- willingness to promote the programs of DMEC to other professionals.

### **About DMEC**

The Disability Management Employer Coalition (DMEC) is a non-profit organization that provides educational resources to employers in the areas of disability, absence, health, and productivity. The primary goal of DMEC is to assist employers in developing cost-saving programs, encouraging responsive market products, and returning employees to productive employment. Visit [www.dmec.org](http://www.dmec.org) for more information about educational publications and events.

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