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## **DMEC Think Tank Supported by Industry Leaders**

**San Diego, California—Sept. 5, 2008**—Integrated disability and absence management leaders and topic experts have stepped forward to support the Disability Management Employer Coalition's (DMEC) 2008 Think Tank on *Hitting the Wall: Preventing the Fallout from Extreme Productivity Demands*.

The 2008 Think Tank is supported by sponsorship from **The Hartford, Anthem Life, Liberty Mutual, Aetna, Met Life, Crowe Paradis** and **OptumHealth**. One representative from each sponsor will participate in the Think Tank.

Other industry thought leaders participating in the Think Tank include: Dr. Gaby Cora from Executive Health & Wealth Institute, Dr. Denny Holland and Marc Jones from Union Pacific Railroad, Dr. Ann Kuhnen from Employee Health Management, GlaxoSmithKline, Jim Moon from USAA, Lu Setnicka from Pagatonia, and Nancy Spangler, MS, OTR/L, consultant to the Partnership for Workplace Mental Health.

Think Tank participants will share their successful models and passion for insuring that employees remain healthy—mentally and physically. They will discuss the ramifications of excessive demands on employees and how that may even reverse productivity gains. How can employers realize optimal productivity without creating a model that actually creates disability and absence? What can be done to invoke best practice models that support employees needs for work/life balance and good health while at the same time, insure a good ROI for employers before employees literally "hit the wall"?

The 2008 Think Tank will be held in Dallas, Texas on November 12. Members of the media are invited to cover the Think Tank. Please contact Rebecca Milot-Bradford at 970.824.1974 or [membership@dmecc.org](mailto:membership@dmecc.org) to receive a press pass and time and location details.

### **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.dmecc.org](http://www.dmecc.org) for more information about educational publications and events.

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