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## **Port Madison Enterprises Named One of Washington's Best Workplaces by Puget Sound Business Journal**

*2012 Finalists to be honored and winners announced at special event on August 9*

**SEATTLE, WA – June 20** – Port Madison Enterprises (PME) was named as one of the finalists for Washington's Best Workplaces by the Puget Sound Business Journal. The program was launched in 2007 to identify and recognize best practices in the hiring and retention of great people. This year, after an extensive and rigorous process, which included more than 300 nominees and the completion of surveys by nominee-company employees across the state, workplaces in four different categories have been identified as Washington's best, based on their various employee benefit offerings, leadership culture and work/life balance philosophies. In total, 85 companies have made the grade as finalists.

Port Madison Enterprises is the economic arm of the Suquamish Tribe. PME operates a diverse collection of highly successful businesses in Kitsap County, that have a reputation for being customer focused and employee centric. This collection of tribally owned businesses invest significantly in its workforce, in addition to complete health coverage for full-time employees, PME offers comprehensive education, training and wellness programs. The company is currently partnered with Olympic College to create a Certificate Program for Tribal Enterprises including gaming and hospitality courses.

In addition to focusing on the wellness of their employees work life, PME is unique for the contributions they provide to the communities where their employees live. PME and the Suquamish Tribe are one of the most charitable donors in Kitsap County, donating nearly three quarters of a million dollars a year through the PME Fund.

"It is an extreme honor for PME, and a true testimony to our dedicated employees who work endlessly to provide quality customer service to our guests," said Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort General Manager Rich Purser.

"Work force development has never been more important – or more difficult – than it is in today's global economy," said Gordon Prouty, publisher of the Business Journal. "We believe the Business Journal has an important role to play in drawing attention to innovations and excellence in the management of our region's No. 1 resource: its people."

The finalists will be celebrated at a one-of-a-kind awards event at Safeco Field on Aug. 9. Honorees and the public alike are invited to come cheer for the workplace accomplishments of these companies from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The celebration will include ballpark food and drink, walking the bases, speed pitching, and an awards presentation. The company with the greatest number of employees present will win a suite at a future Seattle Mariners game.

For more information, visit: [www.wabestworkplaces.com](http://www.wabestworkplaces.com)

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**About Port Madison Enterprises**

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, White Horse Golf Course, the historic Kiana Lodge, Suquamish Village Shell, 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.

**About Puget Sound Business Journal** is the region's premier source of business information, serving an unparalleled audience of business and community leaders. In addition to the weekly newspaper, the Business Journal provides 24/7 business news via its web site and email alerts. The company also plays a vital role in bringing the area's leadership community together by hosting a wide variety of events throughout the year, from the annual 100 Fastest Growing Private Companies celebration to the Women of Influence awards event. Puget Sound Business Journal is a unit of American City Business Journals, which operates 40 local business newspapers throughout the United States. Visit Puget Sound Business Journal on the web at [www.pugetsoundbusinessjournal.com](http://www.pugetsoundbusinessjournal.com) or [www.psbjconnects.com](http://www.psbjconnects.com)

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