



## **Montana SHRM State Council Receives Prestigious SHRM Award for Advancing the HR Profession**

**Missoula, Montana, April 3, 2015** — The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) recently awarded the Montana SHRM State Council its prestigious EXCEL Gold Award for the Council's accomplishments in 2014.

The award is part of the SHRM Affiliate Program for Excellence, which aligns individual chapters and councils with SHRM's goals. The award recognizes accomplishments and strategic activities and initiatives that enhance the human resources profession.

"At SHRM, advancing the human resources profession is our mission. The work of our chapters and councils are central to accomplishing that," said Henry G. (Hank) Jackson, president and CEO of SHRM. "Receiving this award is testament to the Council's commitment to advancing the HR profession through local networking and professional development activities."

The EXCEL award can be earned at four levels: bronze, silver, gold and platinum, and each level has a prescribed set of requirements and accomplishments that have to be met. Montana SHRM State Council will receive recognition in SHRM publications and conferences, a certificate of recognition, and special signage to display at its meetings and events.

Some accomplishments for the State Council this past year were offering a webinar to members and non chapter members as part of our membership outreach as well as provided a stipend to each of our seven Montana Chapters to support their membership growth and retention goals. In 2014 the Montana SHRM State Council was delighted to have all seven State Chapter 2015 Presidents attend the 2014 SHRM Leadership Conference in Washington DC and represent SHRM in Montana on the Leadership Capitol Hill Visit where we visited with our Montana representatives.

"I am extremely proud of our Montana SHRM State Council for our 2014 achievements and am thrilled that we have been awarded the EXCEL Gold Award" noted Elizabeth Rissler Pratt, 2014 Montana SHRM State Council President, "Our team worked very hard and this award is proof that our efforts and hard work paid off. Thank you to SHRM National for recognizing our efforts."

For more information on the award visit:

[www.shrm.org/communities/volunteerresources/resourcesforchapters/pages/award\\_info.aspx](http://www.shrm.org/communities/volunteerresources/resourcesforchapters/pages/award_info.aspx).

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### **About Montana SHRM State Council**

The Montana SHRM State Council mission is to support local Chapters in being highly successful in their assistance to members and others vested in the field; elevate the profession to the highest standards; and provide education, updates and connections among all Montana human resource professionals. For more information, please visit [montana.shrm.org](http://montana.shrm.org)

### **About the Society for Human Resource Management**

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