



**AVALON RISK MANAGEMENT NAMED ONE OF ILLINOIS' BEST PLACES TO WORK  
FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW**

CHICAGO (Monday, May 20, 2013) – For the third year in a row, Avalon Risk Management has been named as one of the 2013 Best Places to Work in Illinois, where our corporate headquarters is based.

The awards program is promoted by *The Daily Herald Business Ledger* in partnership with the Human Resources Management Association of Chicago (HRMAC), the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, the Workforce Boards of Metropolitan Chicago and managed by Best Companies Group.

“At Avalon, we recognize that employee engagement leads to satisfied customers and provides a winning combination for any successful business,” said Lisa Gelsomino, Avalon’s President/CEO.

This statewide survey and awards program was designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Illinois, benefiting the state's economy, its workforce and businesses. Companies from across the state participated in a two-part assessment to determine their ranking. The first part (25%) consisted of evaluating each nominated company’s workplace policies, practices and demographics. The second part (75%) consisted of an employee survey to measure the employee experience. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final ranking.

Avalon Risk Management was recognized and honored at the Best Places to Work in Illinois awards ceremony on May 16<sup>th</sup> and will be profiled in a special publication by *The Daily Herald Business Ledger* on June 25. The final rankings were announced at the event. In 2012, Avalon placed 16 out of 31 and in 2011, Avalon placed 15 out of 24 small to mid-sized companies in Illinois (under 250 employees) and ranked 12th nationally in the Best Places to Work in Insurance by *Business Insurance* magazine.

Avalon Risk Management provides insurance and surety solutions to the transportation and logistics industries. Local service is provided through ten offices in major U.S. port cities and Toronto, Canada. Products include: Bonds, Marine Cargo Insurance, Professional Liability, Property & Casualty, Executive Risk and specialty auto programs including Truck, Courier and Paratransit.

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