**T**o celebrate and acknowledge businesses that have fostered a change in culture to encourage and promote a workplace where people with disabilities participate fully and meaningfully, Disability:IN Wisconsin is proud to present the 1st Annual Top Disability-Friendly Employer in Wisconsin AwardTM, honoring a company who is working to achieve disability inclusion and equity.

**Celebrate your business’ impact**

* Share your strategies for improving disability employment opportunities
* Recognize the hard work and dedication of employees who have contributed to your company’s success
* Highlight proactive steps to recruit, hire, retain, and advance qualified people with disabilities
* Join the ranks of other notable organizations who are working to achieve disability inclusion and equity
* Promote industry firsts and significant accomplishments

**2023 NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

•  Find the nomination form at [[TOP DISABILITY-FRIENDLY EMPLOYERS IN WISCONSIN™ AWARD | (disabilityinwisconsin.org)](https://disabilityinwisconsin.org/the-derek-smith-leadership-award/)](https://disabilityinwisconsin.org/top-disability-friendly-employers-award/)

•  The DEADLINE for nominations is July 20, 2023 (late nominations cannot be accepted)

•  Save the Date: Thursday, October 12, that will be presented at the 2023 Disability:IN Wisconsin Summit on Thursday, October 12. A reception celebrating the award winner and the company they represent will follow the Summit.

•  2023 Award is sponsored by Wallo Brands LLC.

**Who Can Apply**

* The program is open to any business that promotes advancing disability inclusion in the workplace.
* Nominations must be submitted by or on behalf of the company’s headquarters and be based on the achievements, policies, and practices of the company, not branch or unit.
* Companies can either self-nominate or be nominated by another company.
* Nominations are accepted via the official online form, submitted in the time specified below.

“**We can succeed** in making progress if we work together. To make progress in disability inclusion, companies must treat it as a business priority with goals, plans, measurements, and accountability.  In connecting business leaders to best practices and each other, we strive to advance disability inclusion and equality.” **Judy Quigley, Executive Director**

**Do you know an employer that you should nominate?**