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Advocate Sherman Hospital Awarded 2019 IMEC Silver Award for Excellence by the IMEC Recognition Program

Peoria, IL – November 21, 2019 – IMEC has announced Advocate Sherman Hospital of Elgin, IL as a recipient of the 2019 IMEC Silver Award for Excellence.

“Being recognized as a silver award recipient reflects our commitment to leading and reimagining the possibilities of healthcare,” said Karen Lambert, President of Advocate Sherman Hospital. “The Baldrige framework provides our leaders with criteria that aligns with our quality & process improvement efforts ultimately leading to exceptional patient care results.”

The IMEC Silver Award for Excellence is granted to those organizations who demonstrate effective, systematic, well-deployed approaches that respond to the overall requirements of most Baldrige Framework for Performance Excellence criteria items and are aligned with organizational needs. The organization must show key approaches are being systematically evaluated and improved, and reported results should demonstrate improvement trends and/or good performance in areas important to the accomplishment of the organization’s mission.

Advocate Sherman is part of Advocate Aurora Health, the 10th largest not-for-profit, integrated health system in the United States. Advocate Sherman Hospital is an acute care hospital with highly skilled physicians and clinical professionals, who have provided high-quality, comprehensive, and compassionate health care to the patients and communities of Chicago’s Northwest suburbs for more than 125 years. Comprehensive and recognized programs include cardiology, oncology, neurosciences, orthopedics, and women’s health. The hospital also features a Level II Trauma center, plus an emergency department approved pediatrics, backed by the resources of Advocate Children’s Hospital.

“We are delighted to recognize Advocate Sherman Hospital as a Silver Award Winner,” said Ben Krupowicz, Executive Director of the IMEC Recognition Program. “They have worked hard to earn this distinction as demonstrated by the culture of Sherman Love which is to make a deep human-to-human connection with patients, their families, and co-workers while reflecting the organization’s values of excellence, compassion, and respect. This is truly a special place.”

The 2019 Board of Examiners – comprised of 52 experts in business, education, healthcare and government – spent more than 1,100 hours assessing each applicant in seven categories:



leadership; strategic planning; customer focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; workforce focus; operations focus; and results. The IMEC Panel of Judges is responsible for validating the integrity of the IMEC Awards for Excellence process and determining recognition levels for each applicant. The panel is composed of experts selected from all industry sectors and represents various geographic areas of the state of Illinois.

Since 1994, there have been 288 applicants, approximately 1,700 examiners, representing nearly 170,000 hours of work, resulting in approximately \$7.4 million in volunteered time – all to make Illinois organizations more competitive, create jobs, and improve communities. As your preferred resource for growth and enterprise excellence, IMEC also offers training and support to help you address the Baldrige Criteria from leadership to results.

For more information on how your organization can benefit from services provided by IMEC, visit www.imec.org or call 888-806-4632.

For more information on the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, visit www.nist.gov/baldrige/.

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IMEC leverages the Baldrige Excellence Framework as a foundation for driving organizational improvement and innovation across the state of Illinois. By providing a range of hands-on, goal-oriented solutions in the areas of leadership; strategy; customer engagement; measurement, analysis, and knowledge management; operations; and workforce, IMEC leads organizations in their mission to improve business results and to create sustainable competitive futures. Through the Recognition Program, IMEC celebrates the organizations committed to achieving enterprise excellence and sets them apart as a true class of distinction.