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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****AHE Wins Two Brandon Hall Excellence Awards**

CHICAGO, September 5, 2018 – The Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE), of the American Hospital Association, announced today it was the recipient of two coveted Brandon Hall Gold Awards for Excellence in Learning; recognizing innovative design and measurable business results for the delivery of the Certified Health Care Environmental Services Technician (CHEST) program in the following categories:

- Best Certification Program
- Best Results of a Learning Program

“In three short years, the CHEST program has trained nearly 700 trainers who have successfully prepared 2,670 front line technicians who now carry the CHEST credential. These technicians emerge from training more knowledgeable in the science of infection prevention, happier in their positions, more confident in their communication skills, and more engaged with the clinical staff,” says Patti Costello, AHE Executive Director. “We are honored to receive two Gold awards recognizing the profound impact the CHEST program has made on participating health care organizations, their patients, staff, and the health care community. AHE’s engagement with Bottom Line Performance (BLP) has resulted in an innovative training model with astonishing results.”

The Brandon Hall Excellence Awards recognize the best organizations that have successfully deployed programs, strategies, modalities, processes, systems, and tools that have achieved measurable results. Entries were evaluated by a panel of veteran, independent senior industry experts, Brandon Hall Group Sr. Analysts and Executive Leadership, based upon the following criteria: fit the need, design of the program, functionality, innovation, and overall measurable benefits. Less than 20% of entries evaluated win a Gold, Silver, or Bronze designation.

“Winning the Brandon Hall Award is as much a victory for BLP as it is for AHE,” says Sandra Rials, AHE Director of Education. “While AHE had the vision, BLP’s design and instructional strategies were the efforts that transformed vision into a best-in-class training and certification program. I remember reading through a number of great proposals for the CHEST project, but BLP’s hit it out of the park. We knew then that we had to collaborate with BLP, and are so pleased that we did.”

Sandra delivered a case study presentation on the CHEST program at BLP's sold-out eXLearn conference on August 29, 2018.

"It is always special to collaborate with our clients to earn recognition through industry award," said Sharon Boller, CEO of BLP. "However, two Gold awards in one year is a unique distinction. I am extremely grateful to AHE for cooperating with us to produce high-quality, forward-thinking work, and to our outstanding BLP team for designing innovative solutions that met or exceeded their business goals."

The CHEST program has enabled thousands of environmental services professionals nationwide to elevate their skills while helping health care organizations reduce the risk of infection and improve patient satisfaction. For more information about the CHEST Program, visit <http://www.ahe.org/chest> or call 312.422.3860.



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About AHE

The Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE) is a Professional Membership Group of the American Hospital Association. AHE is the professional organization of choice for professionals responsible for caring for the patient and resident care environment across all care settings; including hospitals, long term care, continuing care retirement communities and ambulatory care. AHE shapes professional practice, advances and promotes the profession and promotes awareness for over 2,300 professionals working to ensure a clean and safe health care environment and quality outcomes. www.ahe.org

About Bottom-Line Performance

Since 1995, BLP has helped organizations create the right learning solution. Whether you have a complex problem to solve, product to launch, or process to implement, our in-house team partners with you every step of the way to design for your desired outcome and develop the right mix of tools: web and mobile apps, eLearning, serious games and gamification, video, and highly interactive instructor-led training to name a few. The end result? Award-winning solutions that solve problems, inspire people to act, and help people learn.

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