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Edward Jones Named to Training Magazine's 'Training Top 125' for 9th Consecutive Year

ST. LOUIS -- The financial-services firm Edward Jones once again has been named a top company for training, ranking No. 64 on Training magazine's 2009 Training Top 125 list. Edward Jones has made the list for nine years in a row, dating back to the debut of the Training Top 50 in 2001.

The 2009 rankings were announced at an awards dinner Feb. 9 during the magazine's Training 2009 Conference and Expo in Atlanta, Ga. Training magazine noted Edward Jones' commitment to inclusion in its February 2009 story on the rankings, mentioning that new inclusion training has been delivered to all associates at the firm's home-offices, where most recruiting, hiring and promotion decisions are made.

"Training is a top priority at our firm in a good economic times or bad," said Jim Weddle, managing partner of Edward Jones. "Well-trained, quality people will help a company survive challenging times. Edward Jones hires quality people. We are proud to be recognized for how well we develop those associates."

Edward Jones ranked 54th on last year's Training Top 125 list. The firm has consistently earned high marks as an employer of choice in other national rankings.

For the 10th year, Edward Jones was named one of *FORTUNE* magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For 2009." The firm took the No. 2 overall spot in the ranking and also was named to the No. 1 spot for large companies. For the 16th consecutive year, *Registered Representative*, a trade magazine, rated Edward Jones No. 1 among the nation's leading brokerages in its anonymous survey of the firm's own brokers.

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