



Media Advisory

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## North Texans Honored in Plano for Empowering People with Disabilities

The City of Plano and the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities are co-hosting the **2018 Lex Frieden Employment Awards Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Plano Events Center.**

Named for Texas disability rights champion Lex Frieden, the awards are bestowed upon Texans who have displayed a commitment to empowering their employees, co-workers, and fellow Texans with disabilities.

Winners include:

Entrepreneur of the Year: Austin Underwood, (Fort Worth)

Large Employer: WinCo Foods (Denton)

Medium Employer: Axium Solar (Plano)

Non-Profit Employer: Hugs Café (McKinney)

Martha Arbuckle Award: The University of Texas at Arlington's Disability Programs

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### About Plano

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 281,390 as of January 2018. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Niche and AreaVibes recently named Plano as one of the Best Cities to Live in America. Forbes designated Plano one of America's safest cities. The City offers a high quality of life that includes nationally recognized schools, award-winning parks, and sustainability initiatives and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home to

the headquarters or regional operations of major corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase Boeing Global Services, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Keurig Dr Pepper, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data Systems. Our dynamic community features excellent restaurants, vibrant shopping and entertainment venues, a lively historic downtown district and active local arts scene. Easy access to DART light rail and major highways makes Plano a convenient place to live, work and visit. To learn more about Plano, go to our website at [plano.gov](http://plano.gov).