



## **The 2013 United States Disability Matters Honorees are Selected!**

Mendham, NJ (3/5/13) – Springboard Consulting, LLC® is pleased to announce the Disability Matters honorees for 2013.

### **EMPLOYER OF CHOICE**

**EMC Corporation**

### **MARKETPLACE AWARD**

**Sprint**

### **WORKFORCE AWARD**

**Fifth Third Bank**

**UPMC**

### **WORKPLACE AWARD**

**Cisco Systems Inc.**

**Dell, Inc.**

**Florida Blue**

### **DISABILITY CHAMPION AWARD**

#### **(Executive)**

David Goulden, EMC Corporation  
Stephen Pelletier, Prudential Financial

#### **(Management)**

Monica Bell, HSBC  
Kelli Hodges, Dell, Inc.  
Valeriy Novokhatsky, OfficeMax  
John Wagner, Florida Blue  
Brian Wayer, OfficeMax

#### **(Associate)**

Joan Altavilla, Florida Blue

This year's winners will be honored at our 7<sup>th</sup> annual U.S. Disability Matters Awards Banquet & Conference to be held April 15-17, 2013 in Jacksonville, FL. This year's honorees, both corporate and individual, represent the best of the best when it comes to the commitment required and actions necessary to successfully mainstream disability in the workforce, workplace and marketplace. They are true role models.

As the founder and president of Springboard Consulting and the Disability Matters Conference, and the mother of two children with special needs, one of whom is just beginning to explore the transition from college to the workplace, Nadine Vogel says, "it's humbling to see the incredible commitment of our honorees to fully include individuals with disabilities as employees and as customers. Their passion fuels the work. Their award winning initiatives inspire everyone."

In addition to celebrating our honorees and being inspired by their work, this year's Conference will continue to inspire attendees with two outstanding Keynote speakers, Dave Clark and Roger Crawford. Dave, a Florida

resident, is a man of extraordinary will and perseverance. Stricken with polio at a young age, Dave has grown to accomplish many things from being the only pro-baseball player to pitch from crutches to coaching for Major League Baseball International. His story is what some might consider the greatest, “mostly unknown” professional sports account of our time that teaches unforgettable life lessons. Roger is the first and only person in American history to be a U.S. Professional Tennis Association athlete and play a Division I college sport with a severe disability. Sports Illustrated has recognized Roger as “one of the most accomplished physically challenged athletes in the world”. Roger believes that achievement does not happen by averting challenges, it happens by embracing the inevitability of the problems and becoming proficient at overcoming them.

Show your commitment to mainstream disability in today’s workforce, workplace and marketplace by joining our honorees, event host, Florida Blue, the Disability Matters sponsors and other business leaders April 15-17 at Florida Blue headquarters in Jacksonville, FL for a one-of-a-kind experience of education, inspiration, celebration and networking.

Contact Jill Frankel: 973-813-7260 x106 or [jill@consultspringboard.com](mailto:jill@consultspringboard.com) to purchase tickets, become a sponsor or place an ad in the program. To learn more about Disability Matters, visit: <http://www.consultspringboard.com/category/disability-matters-2012-us/>

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