

ING Named to Hispanic Magazine's List of '100 Best Companies for Hispanics'

Atlanta, Ga. - April 12, 2006 - ING has been named to Hispanic Magazine's "Hispanic Corporate 100: One Hundred Companies Providing the Most Opportunities for Hispanics." The annual survey from Hispanic Magazine evaluates the number of minority employees, diversity training, minority business initiatives and philanthropic funding that helps Hispanics and minority leader representation. ING was recognized as a company whose commitment to the Hispanic community runs deep—from its business strategy and employment opportunities, to its community support.

The national publication cited ING as a company that integrates its Hispanic-focused efforts into its business to make it easier for Hispanic customers and financial professionals to do business with ING. Among other examples, the company's success was highlighted by the fact that some of the most recognizable Hispanic-owned businesses have chosen ING as their 401(k) provider.

"We are honored by this recognition from such a well-respected publication as Hispanic Magazine," said Ricardo López Valencia, senior vice president of diversity marketing for ING U.S. Financial Services. "We will continue to provide the education and products necessary to make it easier for the Hispanic community to accumulate wealth and provide financial security for their families."

ING has a variety of employee recruitment initiatives including a relationship with ALPFA (Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting), among other diverse professional organizations.

ING's involvement with the Hispanic community includes supporting programs locally and nationally. In its U.S. and America's headquarters in Atlanta, it supports the Latin American Association and Hemisphere, Inc. In Miami, it is the title sponsor of the ING Miami Celebrity Domino Night, and in Los Angeles, ING is the presenting sponsor of the Mariachi USA® Festival. In addition, ING Investment Management and the ING U.S. Foundation are funding Junior Achievement's Hispanic Outreach program, which addresses the high school drop-out rate among Hispanic students due to lack of economic/legal resources and of role models in the community.

Internally, the company supports the ING Latino Network, one of the organization's five diverse employee groups, which play an important role in educating its workforce and helping focus its business strategy. The ING Latino Network has five chapters across the United States and almost 400 members nationally.

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