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Forbes Recognizes PPD as One of America's Best Employers for Diversity

WILMINGTON, N.C., (January 15, 2019) – Pharmaceutical Product Development, LLC ([PPD](#)), a leading global contract research organization dedicated to improving health, has been named to *Forbes* magazine's 2019 list of [America's Best Employers for Diversity](#). The recognition follows PPD's inclusion on *Forbes*' 2018 list of America's Best Large Employers.

"As a global company committed to diversity and inclusion, we endeavor to create a workplace that is as diverse as the patients our clients serve around the world," said David Simmons, PPD's chairman and chief executive officer. "Our goal is to provide a culture of mutual respect, support and teamwork that rewards performance, quality and integrity. Our ability to successfully meet the expectations of clients, stakeholders and employees depends largely on the talent, ingenuity and commitment of our employees. Our company culture allows people of many perspectives and backgrounds to have influence and to succeed."

Top company honorees were chosen by *Forbes* from an independent survey sample of U.S. employees working for companies employing at least 1,000 people in their U.S. operations. Respondents were asked to give their opinion on questions about age, gender equality, ethnicity, disability, LGBTQ+ and general diversity related to their own employer. According to *Forbes*, the evaluation was based on four key criteria: direct recommendations from employees on their own employer; indirect recommendations on other companies; diversity among top executives/board; and diversity key performance indicators.

The *Forbes* list ranks the 500 employers that received the highest overall scores. More than 50,000 Americans working in the U.S. participated in the survey.

About PPD

PPD is a leading global contract research organization providing comprehensive, integrated drug development, laboratory and lifecycle management services. Our clients and partners include pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, academic and government organizations. With offices in 48 countries and more than 20,000 professionals worldwide, PPD applies innovative technologies, therapeutic expertise and a firm commitment to quality to help clients and partners bend the cost and time curve of drug development and optimize value in delivering life-changing therapies to improve health. For more information, visit www.ppd.com.

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