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**Salt Lake City Recognized for
Significant Achievement in Workplace Equality**
*National Organization Praises City's Domestic Partner Benefits and
Mutual Commitment Registry*

ORLANDO – Salt Lake City Corporation was presented the Significant Achievement Award last night by Out & Equal Workplace Advocates, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to championing safe and equitable workplaces for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people. The City was praised for extending workplace benefits to domestic partners and implementing the Mutual Commitment Registry, a tool to help businesses determine benefit eligibility. The award places Salt Lake City Corporation among a prestigious group of past award winners, including Goldman Sachs, IBM, JPMorgan Chase, Motorola, and Ford Motor Company.

“Every workplace should be a safe place for employees to be themselves and conduct their work in a peaceable and respectful environment,” explained David Everitt, Mayor Becker’s chief of staff. Everitt attended the annual Out & Equal Workplace Summit awards dinner in Orlando, Fla. “Salt Lake City Corporation remains committed to our employees as they focus on serving City residents,” Everitt stated as he accepted the Significant Achievement Award, commonly known as “the Outie.”

Out & Equal recognizes employers who have made notable strides in advancing workplace equality for LGBT employees. Other finalists this year include Deutsche Bank, Wells Fargo Advisors, and Paul, Hastings, Jonofsky & Walker. Out & Equal also presented awards in six other categories.

“I’m proud to be part of an organization where I can bring all of myself to the workplace,” stated David Salazar, Compensation Program Administrator for Salt Lake City Corporation. “I am thrilled the City was awarded the Outie in recognition of our equitable work environment.”

The Out & Equal Workplace Awards were presented last night at the organization’s annual Workplace Summit. The premier LGBT workplace conference attracted over 2,300 participants

who shared best practices on how to advance workplace equality for all. LGBT employees and allies, along with human resources and diversity professionals – many representing Fortune 500 companies – participated in the Summit.

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