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BCU TAKES TOP SPOT ON COMPUTERWORLD LIST OF 2021 BEST PLACES TO WORK IN IT

CHICAGO - July 12, 2021 – Insider Pro and Computerworld has announced BCU as the no. 1 small-size organization on its list of 2021 Best Places to Work in IT. The announcement recognizes the Credit Union as the top organization that challenges its IT teams while providing great benefits and compensation. For BCU, the award celebrates the Credit Union's unwavering commitment to empowering people to discover financial freedom and creating exceptional member experiences during unprecedented times.

"Despite the overwhelming obstacles the pandemic has created for many businesses, IT has managed to thrive and in fact, become more essential in the workplace. Attracting and retaining top IT talent to research, deploy and maintain technology has never been more critical," said Kate Hoy, editor of IDG's Insider Pro. "Companies that have earned a spot on the Insider Pro and Computerworld 2021 Best Places to Work in IT list have been able to foster nimble and flexible work environments – while continuing to keep competitive compensation and benefits steady. Additionally, they foster a spirit of diversity, social responsibility, training, and innovation."

"This global recognition by Computerworld is more meaningful than ever," said Scott Zulpo, BCU Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer. "The Pandemic has changed so much about how and where organizations work. And for BCU, how we continue to create extraordinary member experiences."

With an increased need for digital member assistance during COVID-19, BCU's IT team became integral in supporting frontline and operational needs across the business by ensuring anytime, anywhere access to digital banking channels and 24/7member support. At the same time, the team seamlessly transitioned more than 650 employees to safely work from home within two weeks, expediting the distribution of new equipment, backed with the financial support of Credit Union leadership. Working tirelessly, the team simultaneously executed a core banking system upgrade that brought enhanced stability to BCU's internal environment. The success of this critical work allowed for the flawless merger of 20,000 new members, the largest in BCU's history.



In IT Together: Insider Pro and Computerworld names BCU the no. 1 small-size organization on its list of 2021 Best Places to Work in IT.

"The IT landscape is hugely competitive, and the culture of our organization is why people stick around," said Zulpo. "Our team is comprised of some of the best talent in the industry. Together, it's remarkable what the BCU organization has achieved throughout the past year and the value we are able to deliver to our members."

The Best Places to Work in IT list is an annual ranking of the top 100 work environments for technology professionals by Insider Pro and Computerworld. The list is compiled based on a comprehensive questionnaire regarding company offerings in categories such as benefits, career development, training, and retention. In addition, IDG conducts extensive surveys of IT workers, and their responses factor heavily in determining the rankings.

BCU has been recognized on The Best Places to Work in IT list multiple times, ranking among top small-size organizations in 2017 and 2019. In 2020, BCU was also named a Forbes Best-In-State Credit Union for the second consecutive year, ranking #1 in Illinois and #5 in Minnesota. Members voted BCU to the top spot based on overall satisfaction, trust, service, product offerings, and financial well-being resources.

About BCU: BCU is a purpose-driven organization that empowers people to discover financial freedom. With over \$4.9B in assets, it is also one of the fastest-growing Credit Unions in the last four decades. Both not-for-profit and member-owned, the Credit Union is driven by the commitment to provide extraordinary service for more than 300,000 members across the US and Puerto Rico. BCU members enjoy access to financial services and well-being programming that inspire confidence through the brand promise "Here Today For Your Tomorrow". Lifetime membership is offered to employees and families of America's best workplaces and those living or working in Chicago-area communities. **To learn more about BCU, visit BCU.org**.

