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EMC Insurance Companies Named Plan Sponsor of the Year

DES MOINES, Iowa (April 12, 2017)—EMC Insurance Companies received the Plan Sponsor of the Year Award from *PLANSPONSOR* Magazine, the nation's leading authority on retirement and benefits programs. EMC was presented with the award in the Total Retirement Offering category and recognized for their commitment to team members' financial health and retirement success, being leaders in their respective category and maintaining best practices in plan administration, with outcomes for others to emulate.

"We are proud to be recognized for the strides EMC has taken to be good financial stewards of economic resources for our team members. We talk about the need to be aware of what your current retirement-savings status is and offer comprehensive benefits as a significant part of the competitive total rewards package," says Elizabeth Nigut, senior vice president of human resources. "We want to provide the same stability to our team members during their working careers as we do our policyholders and agents."

According to *PLANSPONSOR*, EMC team members are on track to replace 74 percent of their income in retirement, based on their 401(k) savings and expected Social Security. Since implementing automatic enrollment for the 401(k) plan in 2014, participation has risen from 86 percent to 94.1 percent.

About EMC Insurance Companies

EMC Insurance Companies is among the top 50 insurance organizations in the country based on net written premium, with more than 2,300 employees. The company was organized in 1911 to write workers' compensation protection in Iowa. Today, EMC provides property and casualty insurance products and services throughout the United States and writes reinsurance contracts worldwide. Operating under the trade name EMC Insurance Companies, Employers Mutual Casualty Company and one or more of its affiliated companies is licensed in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For more information, visit www.emcins.com and www.CountonEMC.com.