



# The ESOP Association

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## October is Employee Ownership Month

For over 20 years, The ESOP Association and its member companies have been celebrating Employee Ownership Month every October. It is a celebration of the incredible spirit of employee ownership and an opportunity to educate employee owners about the tremendous benefits of employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs).

It is also an opportunity to educate the public, elected officials, and the media as to why employee ownership through ESOPs is good public policy.

Companies celebrate with picnics to honor their employee owners, hold roundtable discussions with local public officials and organizations to spread the word about employee ownership, and some hold award ceremonies to honor outstanding employees. For additional information on Employee Ownership Month activities taking place throughout the month of October, please visit The ESOP Association's website at <http://www.esopassociation.org>.



This poster is the winner of the 2010 Employee Ownership Month Poster Contest, held every year among members of The ESOP Association. This year's winning entry was submitted by the employee owners of Entertainment Partners of Burbank, CA and was unveiled in front of 300 guests at the Association's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet held every year in Washington, DC.

For more information, please call The ESOP Association at 202/293-2971 or email [media@esopassociation.org](mailto:media@esopassociation.org).

### Did you know...

- There are approximately 11,500 ESOPs in place in the U.S., covering 10 million employees (10% of the private sector workforce).
- Total assets owned by U.S. ESOPs is estimated to be \$901 billion at the end of 2007.
- An overwhelming majority of ESOP companies have other retirement and/or savings plans, such as defined benefit pension plans or 401(k) plans, to supplement their ESOP.

Information from <http://www.esopassociation.org>.

### On the calendar...

#### November 4 & 5, 2010

Las Vegas ESOP Conference & Trade Show

Caesar's Palace

Las Vegas, NV

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For a complete list of conferences and events, please visit The ESOP Association's website at <http://www.esopassociation.org>.