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PLS Named One of America's Top 100 Job-Creating Companies

CHICAGO, IL—December 6, 2012: *Inc.* magazine has honored PLS as a winner of its inaugural *Inc.* Hire Power Awards, which recognize the top 100 job-creating companies in the U.S.

The award winners were announced in the December/January issue of *Inc.* magazine. The *Inc.* Hire Power Awards recognize private companies that are leading the way in creating American jobs.

PLS is ranked 51st on the list of honorees. The company ranks fifth among Chicago-based companies and third in the financial services industry.

“We’re very gratified to be listed among the companies that are setting the pace nationwide in creating jobs and expanding their workforces,” said Bob Wolfberg, President, PLS. “We’re particularly proud that we’re able to create employment opportunities in neighborhoods and communities that are hardest hit by the economic slowdown.”

PLS (www.PLSHome.com) is one of America’s most successful and fastest-growing consumer financial services retailers. The reason PLS exists can be simply stated: ***Why PLS? Because You Deserve Better!***[®] That’s a promise the company makes to customers and to employees.

“PLS stands for ‘*People, Location and Service,*’” said Wolfberg, “and there’s a reason ‘People’ comes first. We believe our team members deserve better. A better, more rewarding work environment. Better benefits and training. Better career opportunities.

“Our commitment to our team members helps us attract top talent and retain the outstanding employees in whom we’ve invested,” Wolfberg concluded.

Inc. Hire Power Awards honorees were celebrated at a December 6 ceremony and reception at the Mead Center in Washington, D.C., hosted by *Inc.* editor Eric Schurenberg.



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About PLS: People. Location. Service.

The PLS Group, headquartered in Chicago, operates or manages more than 350 financial services centers in markets that span the U.S. from California to New York. PLS, with nearly 3,800 employees, has annual revenue that exceeds \$250 million.

PLS is listed among *Inc.* magazine's 5000 Fastest-Growing Private Companies in America (www.inc.com/inc5000/list), and has been named one of the 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work for in Chicago by the National Association for Business Resources (www.101bestandbrightest.com). PLS is ranked as one of Chicago's Largest Privately Held Companies by *Crain's Chicago Business*[®] (www.chicagobusiness.com), and was listed among *Crain's* Fast 50. Bob and Dan Wolfberg, PLS Presidents, were finalists for Ernst & Young's 2010 Entrepreneur of the Year Award (www.ey.com). In 2011, Bob Wolfberg was recognized by Financial Service Centers of America [FiSCA (www.fisca.org)] as its Financial Service Provider of the Year. The company has also been honored with the Activa Award from FiSCA three times in recognition of its charitable efforts.

The PLS Group serves customers through its **PLS Check Cashers** stores, which offer check cashing, prepaid Visa[®] debit cards, money transfer services, direct deposit services, money orders and bill payments; **PLS Loan Store** locations, which provide consumer short-term loans, auto insurance and tax-preparation services; and **PLS Motor Vehicle Services** facilities, which offer vehicle license and registration services.

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