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## ***PROGRESS STRATEGIES+ AWARDED CORPORATE DIVERSITY AWARD***

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., September 17, 2014** –*Progress Strategies+* is pleased to announce that Corp! Magazine honored the social responsibility project management consultancy as a 2014 Diversity Focused Company Award Winner. At the Corp! Magazine “Salute to Diversity” Conference and Awards Presentation in Detroit, Michigan on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> *Progress Strategies+* was honored for outstanding leadership in diversity and multiculturalism in the state of Michigan.

*Progress Strategies+* joined awardee diversity focused companies, business leaders and champions such as Varnum Law, Kellogg Company, DTE Energy, General Motors, Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce and Grand Rapids Community Foundation. *Progress Strategies+* was recognized for its comprehensive inclusion and equity project management work of diversity assessments, creation of inclusion policies and procedures, reorganization and creation of inclusion governance councils, and the formation of effective diversity and inclusion action plans for non-profits and businesses such as Advocates for Senior Issues, Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge, Irwin Seating Company and others.

Eric K. Foster, Principal of *Progress Strategies+* shared an appreciation for the award and clients. “It is a privilege to be recognized for providing diversity, inclusion and equity services from systems-oriented project management solutions to presentations and training. The award also recognizes great clients and partners implementing authentic and measurable strategies to enhance inclusion in workforce development, non-profit and organizational leadership and power-sharing with individuals representing the full range of diversity in ethnicity, gender, race, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation and other areas of value-added difference.”

Citing the business and social imperative for Michigan to improve upon making institutions fully inclusive of its current and growing diversity, Foster pledged that *Progress Strategies+* will also focus on continuous improvement. “From specific tools, standards to systems, *Progress Strategies+* will improve services for clients and partners to ensure that our proud state is an exemplar of social, economic and educational inclusion and equity.”

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