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**ECFMG® Named One of The Principal® 10 Best Companies for 2011**

PHILADELPHIA, PA — The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) has been named a 2011 winner of *The Principal® 10 Best Companies for Employee Financial Security*. Presented by The Principal Financial Group®, *The Principal 10 Best Companies* is a national program recognizing growing companies (five to 1,000 employees) that excel at helping employees build their financial futures through excellent benefits programs. Winners are selected by an independent panel of financial services and human resources experts that evaluate entrants on criteria such as the variety of financial benefits offered; the financial value of benefits offered; level of commitment to the financial security of employees, including the degree to which education, communication, and company culture determine how well benefits are maximized by employees; and the entrants' industry, strength of benefits for that industry, and the demographics of their workforce. For more information, visit [www.principal.com/10best](http://www.principal.com/10best).

ECFMG's mission, promoting quality health care for the public, is critically important. Retaining the skill and expertise represented by ECFMG's employees is essential to fulfilling this mission and to continuing to be responsive to its examinees and other constituencies. As observed by ECFMG's President and Chief Executive Officer, Emmanuel G. Cassimatis, M.D., "Working in a positive environment and having colleagues who are happy to be here makes for a better atmosphere for everyone—and, ultimately, results in better service to our customers."

**About ECFMG**

Established in 1956, ECFMG is a private, nonprofit organization based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with more than 800 full- and part-time employees.

ECFMG is a world leader in promoting quality health care—serving physicians, members

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of the medical education and regulatory communities, health care consumers, and those researching issues in medical education and health workforce planning. ECFMG's program of certification evaluates whether international medical graduates (IMGs) are ready to enter U.S. programs of graduate medical education, where they provide supervised patient care. ECFMG offers a variety of other programs for IMGs and the entities worldwide that train, license, and employ them. Through its separate, nonprofit Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER®), ECFMG offers training in leadership and health professions education; creates and maintains data resources on medical education worldwide; and conducts research on international medical education programs, physician migration, and U.S. physician workforce issues.

ECFMG's organizational members are the American Board of Medical Specialties; American Medical Association; Association of American Medical Colleges; Association for Hospital Medical Education; Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc.; and the National Medical Association.

For more information, visit the ECFMG website at [www.ecfmg.org](http://www.ecfmg.org).

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