

Manpower's Joerres honored for diversity efforts

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Manpower Inc.'s chairman and CEO Jeff Joerres has been recognized by InterOrganization Network for supporting diverse leadership.

InterOrganization, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing representation of women on for-profit boards and in upper management jobs, named Joerres as one of 11 "Guys Who Get It."

The organization's sixth annual report found that low numbers of women directors and executive officers in U.S. public companies remains.

However, five of Manpower's 13 top executives are women, as are 40 percent of the Milwaukee-based global staffing firm's country managers. In addition, 20 percent of Manpower's board of directors is comprised of women and 70 percent of the company's revenue is generated by business units led by women.

Other companies' efforts are falling short, according to the report.

"This year's report provides a comprehensive picture of a bleak landscape ripe for change," InterOrganization Network's president Rona Wells said. "Too many companies remain mired in the past. Business leaders must look beyond their traditional networks and resources to build teams that include women and people of color."

The report "reflects well on Milwaukee to have a CEO of an international company exhibit this kind of commitment to diversity," said Jilaine Hummel Bauer, [Milwaukee Women](#) inc's representative on InterOrganization's board. Milwaukee Women inc is a local women's leadership development organization.

"Manpower is one of the companies setting the pace at both a local and national level in creating a diverse and inclusive leadership culture," Hummel Bauer said.