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## **Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Honored as Gold Stevie® Award Winner in 2014 American Business Awards<sup>SM</sup>**

*Real estate brokerage network named "Startup of the Year" in a category considering all of U.S. Industry*

**IRVINE, CA (June 19, 2014)** – Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, part of the HSF Affiliates LLC real estate brokerage family, today announced it was recognized with a Gold Stevie Award in the Startup of the Year category of the 12<sup>th</sup> annual American Business Awards presented June 13 in Chicago.

American Business Awards are the nation's premier business awards program. All organizations operating in the U.S. are eligible to submit nominations – public and private, for-profit and non-profit, large and small. The awards drew more than 3,300 nominations in a wide range of categories; 240 executives worldwide participated in the judging. Startup of the Year category judging considered entrants from across U.S. industries.

"We are pleased and honored to accept the Gold Stevie Award in the Startup of the Year category," said Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices President Stephen Phillips, who attended the ceremonies at the Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park Hotel. "Our real estate brokerage network has come a long way in a short period of time."

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices has grown exponentially since it transitioned its first affiliates in September 2013. As of mid-June, the network counted more than 29,000 agents and 850 offices operating in 42 states. "Our network carries the name of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., one of the world's most trusted and respected corporations," said Phillips. "When you have a really great brand, strong and passionate affiliates and a lot of hard-working people on your team, wonderful things can happen."

This is the network's second award in 2014. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in March was named "Real Estate Agency Brand of the Year" by consumers in the 26th annual Harris Poll EquiTrend® study.

"It's an honor for us to recognize and celebrate such an outstanding class of organizations and individuals," said Michael Gallagher, president and founder of the Stevie Awards. "The judges were especially discerning this year. Winners should be proud that the judges recognized their achievements and their ability to express those achievements in a way that captured the judges' hearts and imaginations."

Details about The American Business Awards and the lists of Stevie winners announced are available at [www.StevieAwards.com/ABA](http://www.StevieAwards.com/ABA).

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### **About the Stevie Awards**

Stevie Awards are conferred in five programs: The American Business Awards, The International Business Awards, the Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. A sixth program, the German Stevie Awards, will debut later this year. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about the Stevie Awards at [www.StevieAwards.com](http://www.StevieAwards.com).

### **About Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices**

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, based in Irvine, CA, is a real estate brokerage network built for a new era in residential real estate. The network, among the few organizations entrusted to use the world-renowned Berkshire Hathaway name, brings to the real estate market a definitive mark of trust, integrity, stability and longevity. Visit [www.berkshirehathawayhs.com](http://www.berkshirehathawayhs.com).

Irvine, CA-based HSF Affiliates LLC operates Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices. The company is a joint venture of which HomeServices of America, Inc., the nation's second-largest, full-service residential brokerage firm, is a majority owner. HomeServices of America is an affiliate of world-renowned Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices received the highest numerical Equity Score among real estate brands included in the 2014 Harris Poll EquiTrend® Study. Visit [www.berkshirehathawayhs.com](http://www.berkshirehathawayhs.com) for details.

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