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### **Coborn's, Inc. appoints Brent Blackey to Board of Directors**

Coborn's, Inc. is announcing the appointment of Brent Blackey, former President and Chief Operating Officer of Holiday Companies, to Coborn's, Inc.'s Board of Directors.

"As our organization continues to grow, we recognize this opportunity to bring another voice and perspective to our board," said Chris Coborn, Chairman, President and CEO of Coborn's, Inc. "Brent has led a very accomplished career. He brings a wealth of talent and experience to the table that will benefit our growing employee-owned organization."



Blackey joined Holiday Companies in 2004. The organization, with a network of 374 owned and 148 franchised Stationstores across 10 states, is a recognized leader in the petroleum and convenience store industry. In 2017, when the owners of Holiday Companies decided to explore the idea of selling the company, Blackey was a key member of the Holiday team that interacted with prospective buyers and their financial and legal representatives. The process resulted in a sale to one of the world's largest convenience store operators, Alimentation Couche-Tard.

Prior to joining Holiday Companies in December 2004, Blackey was a Senior Partner at the accounting firms of Arthur Andersen LLP and Ernst & Young LLP, where he served clients in both the retail and high technology industries. He led several clients through capital-raising activities as well as played a key advisory role on numerous transactions.

Blackey serves on the Board of Directors for Cardiovascular Systems, a medical technology company leading the way to treatment of peripheral and coronary arterial diseases, as well as Northern Tool and Equipment, a retailer of quality consumer and commercial equipment with over 100 stores plus catalog and online sales capabilities. He also served on the Board of Directors for Datalink Corporation for 10 years until it was sold to Insight Enterprises in January 2017.

Blackey graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and has stayed active with his alma mater. He currently serves on the Carlson School of Management Board of Overseers and also serves on the Executive Committee.

Blackey will begin his role as a Coborn's, Inc. board member when the board holds their next meeting February 14.

*St. Cloud, Minn.-based [Coborn's, Inc.](#) is a 97-year-old employee-owned grocery retailer with nearly 8,000 employees and 53 stores across Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Illinois and Wisconsin under the [Coborn's](#), [Cash Wise Foods](#), [Marketplace Foods](#) and [Save-A-Lot](#) banners. Coborn's, Inc. also owns [CobornsDelivers](#), an online grocery ordering and home delivery service; and stand-alone convenience, liquor and pharmacy locations. To support its 120 retail locations, Coborn's, Inc. operates its own central bakery, gluten-free bakery, dry cleaning facility and grocery distribution center. In 2017, Coborn's was named a "Top Workplace in Minnesota" by the Star Tribune and was named to Achievers' list of "50 Most Engaged Companies."*