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Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management Announces Fifth Annual Best Places to Work in Kentucky Award Winners

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Jan. 23, 2009) – The Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management (KYSHRM) State Council, in conjunction with the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, announces the winners (see attached list) in the Fifth Annual **Best Places to Work in Kentucky** competition. The program is a multi-year initiative designed to motivate companies in the Commonwealth to focus, measure and move their workplace environments toward excellence.

Winners from across the state have been selected in two categories: small/medium-sized (companies of 25 to 249 employees) and large-sized (companies of 250 employees or greater). The selection process, managed by Best Companies Group, is based on an assessment of the company's employee policies and procedures and the results of an internal employee survey. The survey feedback that all participating companies receive will enable them to develop the plans and implement the steps necessary to create a great workplace and continue to improve the performance of their business. The actual rankings will be announced at an awards dinner Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at the Lexington Convention Center in downtown Lexington.

Numerous studies show a strong correlation between profitability and creating a good place to work. The **Best Places to Work in Kentucky** initiative is based on the famous FORTUNE magazine "100 Best Companies to Work for in America" list. In this issue, thousands of companies are assessed annually to compete for this honor. In addition to the positive effect the award has on their employee relations and recruitment, the driving force for companies to participate in this program is the remarkable effect that workplace improvements can have on their bottom line.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Kentucky has more than 14,000 privately-owned establishments with 20 or more employees. The goal of **Best Places to Work in Kentucky** is to raise the bar among the state's employers and create excellence and employee satisfaction in the workplace that will attract talented people for years to come. This initiative is integral for Kentucky to compete in both national and global arenas.

The Kentucky SHRM organization consists of 14 local chapters throughout the state, with a membership of over 3,000 human resources and business professionals across all industries. Among the prestigious state and local entities endorsing the **Best Places to Work in Kentucky** project are Commerce Lexington, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Kentucky League of Cities, Kentucky Workforce Investment Board, Kentucky World Trade Center, Leadership Kentucky and the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Further details about the **Best Places to Work in Kentucky** initiative can be found online at www.bestplacestoworkky.com.

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THE BEST PLACES TO WORK IN KENTUCKY 2009

(Alphabetical order – rankings will be revealed at an awards dinner on April 21)

Small/Medium Companies

	Primary Location
Air Hydro Power	Louisville
Appalachian Wireless	Ivel
Atmos Energy Corporation	Owensboro
Benefit Insurance Marketing	Lexington
Big Ass Fans Company	Lexington
Bluegrass Community Hospital	Versailles
Bottom Line Systems, Inc.	Crescent Springs
Chilton & Medley PLC	Louisville
Crowe Horwath LLP	Louisville
Dean, Dorton & Ford, PSC	Lexington
Employment Plus, Inc.	Frankfort
Fellon-McCord & Associates	Louisville
Fischer Homes Inc.	Crestview Hills
Green River Area Development District	Owensboro
Independence Bank	Owensboro
Kentucky Employers' Mutual Insurance	Lexington
Kingsbrook Lifecare Center	Ashland
KORT Kentucky Orthopedic Rehab Team	Louisville
KPMG LLP	Louisville
Luckett & Farley	Louisville
Messier-Bugatti USA	Walton
Middlefork Financial Group Inc.	Hyden
Mountjoy & Bressler, LLP	Louisville
Paychex, Inc.	Louisville
Software Information Systems, LLC	Lexington
Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC	Lexington
Town & Country Bank and Trust Co.	Bardstown
Traditional Bank	Mt. Sterling
Trilogy Health Services, LLC	Louisville
Woodward, Hobson & Fulton, L.L.P.	Louisville
Your Community Bank	Louisville

Large Companies

	Primary Location
Baptist Hospital East	Louisville
Central Bank & Trust Co.	Lexington
Central Baptist Hospital	Lexington
Clark Regional Medical Center	Winchester
Edward Jones	Campbellsville
Fifth Third Bank	Lexington
First Corbin Long Term Care, Inc.	Lexington
First Federal Savings Bank	Elizabethtown
Flaget Memorial Hospital	Bardstown
Frankfort Regional Medical Center	Frankfort
J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, LLC	Louisville
Kindred Healthcare, Support Center	Louisville
King's Daughters Medical Center	Ashland
National Patient Account Services	Louisville
Norton Healthcare, Inc.	Louisville
Saint Joseph Health System	Lexington
Somerset Community College	Somerset
Stites & Harbison PLLC	Louisville
Stock Yards Bank and Trust	Louisville
Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC	Lexington
SurePoint Lending Dba First Residential Mortgage Network, Inc.	Louisville
Sysco Louisville, Inc.	Louisville
Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP	Louisville
Zappos.Com, Inc.	Shepherdsville

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