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Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management Announces 2nd Annual “Best Places to Work in Kentucky” Award Winners

Lexington, KY—January 3, 2006—The Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) State Council, in conjunction with the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, announces the winners (see attached list) in the second annual “**Best Places to Work in Kentucky**” competition sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The program is a multi-year initiative to motivate companies in the commonwealth to focus, measure, and move their workplace environments towards excellence.

Winners from across the state have been selected in two categories: medium-sized companies of 25 up to 199 employees, and large-sized companies of 200 employees or greater. The selection process is based on an assessment of the company’s employee policies and procedures and the results of an internal employee survey. This process is managed by Best Companies Group, with the research and list selection conducted by ModernThink LLC. 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 a gala awards luncheon on March 30, 2006 at the

Lexington Convention Center in downtown Lexington and published statewide in a special supplement of Business Lexington, a Central Kentucky business journal.

The Kentucky SHRM organization consists of 13 local chapters throughout the state, with a membership of nearly 3,000 human resources and business professionals across all industries. Among the prestigious state and local entities endorsing the Kentucky project are the 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, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and Commerce 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 list announcing the “100 Best Companies to Work for in America.” 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 join in this program is the remarkable effect that workplace improvements can have on their bottom line.

Kentucky has over 17,000 companies that employ 25 or more associates. While it is no secret that Kentucky is a great place to live, people need to affiliate with great places to demonstrate their talent. 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.

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

THE BEST PLACES TO WORK IN KENTUCKY 2006

(alphabetical order – rankings will be revealed at the Gala Awards Luncheon on March 30)

Medium Companies

Appriss, Inc.
BACK Construction, Inc.
Benefit Insurance Marketing
Buggies Unlimited
Catholic Health Initiatives
Chilton & Medley CPA's
Compressed Air Parts & Services
Crowe Chizek and Company, LLP
Dean, Dorton & Ford, PSC
Deming, Malone, Livesay & Ostroff CPAs
Fellon-McCord Associates
Lexington Diagnostic Center & OPEN MRI
New Equity Mortgage
New Mather Metals, Inc.
Paul Schultz
South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
SouthEast Telephone
Sturgill, Turner, Barker, and Moloney, PLLC
The Paducah Bank & Trust Company
Woodward, Hobson & Fulton, LLP

Primary Location

Louisville
Lexington
Lexington
Richmond
Erlanger
Louisville
Mayfield
Louisville
Lexington
Louisville
Louisville
Lexington
Louisville
Franklin
Louisville
Somerset
Pikeville
Lexington
Paducah
Louisville

Large Companies

Atmos Energy Corporation
Baptist Hospital East
Central Bank & Trust Company
Central Baptist Hospital
East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.
Edward Jones
Fifth Third Bank
First Federal Savings Bank
First Residential Mortgage Network
Fischer Homes
Gallatin Steel Company
Georgetown Community Hospital
Kentucky Employers' Mutual Insurance
KORT Kentucky Orthopedic Rehab Team
Norton Healthcare, Inc.
Pulaski County Board of Education
St. Elizabeth Medical Center
St. Joseph HealthCare
Stites & Harbison PLLC
Stock Yards Bank and Trust Company
Yum! Brands, Inc.

Primary Location

Owensboro
Louisville
Lexington
Lexington
Winchester
Louisville
Lexington
Elizabethtown
Louisville
Crestview Hills
Ghent
Georgetown
Lexington
Louisville
Louisville
Somerset
Ft. Mitchell
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