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

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Jan. 18, 2008) – 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 fourth annual **Best Places to Work in Kentucky** competition sponsored by Humana Inc. 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 April 17, 2008, 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 nearly 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 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.

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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 2008

(Alphabetical order – rankings will be revealed at an awards dinner on April 17)

Small/Medium Companies

Atmos Energy Corporation
 Benefit Insurance Marketing
 Bluegrass Community Hospital
 Catholic Health Initiatives
 Chilton & Medley PLC
 Citizens First Bank
 Crowe Chizek and Company LLC
 Dean, Dorton & Ford, PSC
 Franklin Bank & Trust Company
 Georgetown Community Hospital
 Independence Bank
 Kentucky Orthopedic Rehab Team (KORT)
 KPMG LLP
 Middlesboro Nursing & Rehabilitation Facility
 Mountjoy & Bressler, LLP
 Neace Lukens
 Saint Joseph Martin (formerly Our Lady of the Way Hospital)
 Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC
 Summit Energy Services, Inc
 Tenmast Software Company
 Town & Country Bank and Trust Company
 Traditional Bank
 Trilogy Health Services, LLC
 Woodward, Hobson & Fulton, L.L.P.
 ZirMed, Inc.

Primary Location

Owensboro
 Lexington
 Versailles
 Erlanger
 Louisville
 Bowling Green
 Louisville
 Lexington
 Franklin
 Georgetown
 Owensboro
 Louisville
 Louisville
 Middlesboro
 Louisville
 Louisville
 Martin
 Lexington
 Louisville
 Lexington
 Bardstown
 Mt. Sterling
 Louisville
 Louisville
 Louisville

Large Companies

Appriss Inc.
 Baptist Hospital East
 Bellarmine University
 Central Bank
 Central Baptist Hospital
 Commonwealth Hotels, Inc. (Corporate office & Kentucky properties)
 Corning Incorporated
 Edward Jones
 Fifth Third Bank (Central Kentucky)
 First Federal Savings Bank
 Fischer Homes
 Frankfort Regional Medical Center
 Hilliard Lyons (J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc.)
 Kindred Healthcare, Corporate
 King's Daughters Medical Center
 National Patient Account Service
 Norton Healthcare, Inc.
 Pikeville Medical Center
 Saint Joseph HealthCare
 Sam Swope Auto Group, LLC
 Somerset Community College
 SouthEast Telephone
 Stites & Harbison PLLC
 Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC
 Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP

Primary Location

Louisville
 Louisville
 Louisville
 Lexington
 Lexington
 Covington
 Harrodsburg
 Louisville
 Lexington
 Elizabethtown
 Crestview Hills
 Frankfort
 Louisville
 Louisville
 Ashland
 Louisville
 Louisville
 Pikeville
 Lexington
 Louisville
 Somerset
 Pikeville
 Louisville
 Lexington
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