

Best Places

Thirty firms named “Best Places to Work”

Ten large companies and 20 small and mid-sized firms will be recognized as the “Best Places to Work in Illinois” at an evening reception June 13 at Danada House in Wheaton.

The top-to-bottom rankings of the selected companies—from 1-10 in the large division, from 1-20 in the smaller—will be revealed at that time.

The rankings were determined through a criteria developed by Best Companies Group, of Harrisburg, Pa., following employee surveys and interviews.

“We are pleased to recognize the best places to work in our state,” said James E. Elsener, president of Ledger Publishing, Inc., and publisher of The Business Ledger. “The quality of the top firms in each category is extremely high and we’re confident that they will take great pride in being selected.

“The number of companies which chose to be surveyed this year more than doubled over our first year, so we are confident that the Best Places program will continue to grow in statewide participation and credibility.”

The top large companies (250 or more employees) are:

- CEFCU, Peoria;
- Crowe Chizek and Company LLC of Oakbrook Terrace;
- Delnor-Community Health System, Geneva;
- Deloitte and Touche USA LLC, Chicago;
- Edward Jones, Illinois;
- Erickson Retirement Communities, Naperville & Lincolnshire;
- Ernst & Young LLP, Chicago;
- Grant Thornton LLP, Chicago;
- Methodist Medical Center of Illinois, Peoria; and
- Quest Diagnostics, Wood Dale.

The top small to mid-sized companies (25-249 employees) are •ChapterHouse, LLC, Lisle;

- Comprehensive Therapeutics, Ltd., Glenview;
- DiGiovine Hnilo Jordan + Johnson Ltd., Naperville;
- Duke Realty Corporation, Rosemont;
- Engineering Enterprises, Inc., Sugar Grove;
- FCL Builders, Inc., Itasca;
- iCyt, Champaign;
- Impact Networking L.L.C., Waukegan;
- Laurus Strategies, Chicago;
- Levenfeld Pearlstein LLC, Chicago;
- M.A. Mortenson Company, Elk Grove Village;
- National Futures Association, Chicago;
- Ocean Tomo, LLC, Chicago;
- Paramount Staffing, Northbrook;
- Paylocity, Elk Grove Village;
- Rippinger Financial Group of Companies, Schaumburg;
- Rust-Oleum Corporation, Vernon Hills;
- Tasty Catering, Elk Grove Village;

- The Mueller Companies, Elgin; and
- Wine Sergi & Co., LLC, St. Charles.

Companies headquartered outside Illinois but with a significant office space and employee presence in the state were also considered, with evaluation of criteria based solely on their Illinois operations and employees' responses.

Seven of the 15 companies that made the list last year are being recognized again this year. They are Comprehensive Therapeutics, Ltd.; Edward Jones; Ernst & Young LLP; Duke Realty Corporation; M.A. Mortenson Company; Paylocity; and Wine Sergi & Co.

Partners in marketing the program include The Business Ledger, the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) - Illinois State Council; the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce; Central Illinois Business Publishers; and the Springfield Business Journal.

A special publication produced by The Business Ledger and its marketing partners on July 28 will profile the recognized companies.

For more information on the "Best Companies" program itself or to attend the event, please call 630-428-8788 or go to www.thebusinessledger.com.