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## **3rd Annual 'Best Places to Work in Indiana' List Announced; Company Rankings Given at May 7 Indiana Chamber Dinner**

**February 25, 2008 (INDIANAPOLIS)** — Sixty-six Hoosier companies were designated today as a “Best Place to Work in Indiana” for their ability to create a strong workplace culture in which employees feel valued. The program, in its third year, is managed by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and presented in partnership with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Of the 66 honorees, 40 received the same distinction in 2007. A record number of companies – over 120 – from throughout the state took part in the evaluation and were eligible for the ranking process.

The program honors the top companies in the state, as determined through employer reports and comprehensive employee surveys. Winners were selected from two categories: small to medium-sized companies of between 25 and 249 employees, and large-sized companies consisting of 250 or more employees. Out-of-state parent companies were eligible to participate if at least 25 full-time employees are in Indiana.

The Best Companies Group has overseen similar programs in 18 other states. ModernThink, LLC, a workplace excellence consulting firm, handled the selection process. The basis for this initiative is *Fortune* magazine's noted “100 Best Companies to Work for in America.”

“Best Places to Work in Indiana’ not only recognizes our state’s outstanding employers, but also sets a high standard for other Hoosier companies by encouraging them to realize the importance of evaluating their own workplace,” states Indiana Chamber President Kevin Brinegar. “It is clear that a positive work environment makes employees more engaged in their job and in their company, which is a win-win situation for the Hoosier workforce and for every business’ bottom line.”

The actual rankings of the top Hoosier companies will be announced at the Best Places to Work awards dinner on May 7 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in downtown Indianapolis. Winners will also be recognized via a special section of the Indiana Chamber’s bimonthly *BizVoice®* magazine and through *Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick* – both of which reach statewide audiences. Additional program partners are the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, the Indiana State SHRM Council and the Indiana Youth Institute. The 2008 Best Places to Work in Indiana Awards Dinner is open to the public. Individual tickets and tables are available at [www.indianachamber.com](http://www.indianachamber.com).

Earlier in the day, a session on what makes a company a Best Place to Work will be featured as part of the Indiana Chamber’s 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Resources Conference. To register to attend the awards dinner or for the HR session, visit [www.indianachamber.com](http://www.indianachamber.com).

All companies that participated in the 2008 Best Places to Work program receive an in-depth evaluation identifying strengths and weaknesses according to their employees. In turn, this report can be used in developing or enhancing employee retention and recruitment programs.



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For more information on the Indiana Chamber's Best Places to Work program, go to [www.bestplacestoworkIN.com](http://www.bestplacestoworkIN.com).

Program sponsors for 2008, in addition to Anthem, are Baker & Daniels, Ball State University, FedEx, First Merchants Corporation, French Lick Resort Casino, Hill-Rom, Professional Staff Management, Roche Diagnostics and Simon Property Group.

The 2008 Best Places to Work in Indiana companies listed in alphabetical order, no ranking:

**Large Companies (250 or more employees)**

<b>Company</b>	<b>Location</b>
Angie's List	Indianapolis
Baker & Daniels LLP	Indianapolis
Bingham McHale LLP	Indianapolis
Bose McKinney & Evans LLP	Indianapolis
BSA LifeStructures	Indianapolis
Centier Bank	Crown Point
Cintas	Carmel
Clarian West Medical Center	Avon
Clark Memorial Hospital	Jeffersonville
Columbus Regional Hospital	Columbus
Crowe Chizek and Company LLC	Indianapolis
Duke Realty Corporation	Indianapolis
Edward Jones	Indianapolis
Emmis Communications	Indianapolis
Ernst & Young, LLP	Indianapolis
Fort Wayne Metals Research Products Corporation	Fort Wayne
FORUM Credit Union	Indianapolis
Goshen Health System	Goshen
Indiana Business College	Indianapolis
Interactive Intelligence, Inc.	Indianapolis
LaPorte Regional Health System	LaPorte
Monarch Beverage Company, Inc.	Indianapolis
Shiel Sexton Company, Inc.	Indianapolis
St. Joseph Hospital & Health Center	Kokomo
The Capital Group Companies, Inc.	Indianapolis

**Small to Medium-sized Companies (25-249 employees)**

<b>Company</b>	<b>Location</b>
AIT Laboratories	Indianapolis
ANGEL Learning, Inc.	Indianapolis
Aprimo, Inc.	Indianapolis
Ash Brokerage Corporation	Fort Wayne
Bamberger, Foreman, Oswald and Hahn, LLP	Evansville
Bowen Engineering Corporation	Fishers
Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company	Fort Wayne
Colliers Turley Martin Tucker	Indianapolis

Cripe Architects + Engineers	Indianapolis
Double-Take Software	Indianapolis
Elwood Staffing	Columbus
Employment Plus	Bloomington
eTapestry	Greenfield
ExactTarget, Inc.	Indianapolis
Fusion Alliance	Indianapolis
G & S Research, Inc.	Indianapolis
Gregory & Appel Insurance	Indianapolis
Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, PC	Indianapolis
Heartland Community Bank	Franklin
Indiana Organ Procurement Organization	Indianapolis
Jackson Systems, LLC	Indianapolis
Katz, Sapper & Miller	Indianapolis
Keystone Construction	Indianapolis
KPMG LLP	Indianapolis
Krieg DeVault LLP	Indianapolis
Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau	Hammond
Matrix Integration, LLC	Jasper
Morales Group, Inc.	Indianapolis
Network Solutions, Inc.	Granger
RW Armstrong	Indianapolis
Safety Management Group	Indianapolis
Schmidt Associates	Indianapolis
Somerset CPAs	Indianapolis
Sommer Barnard PC	Indianapolis
T2 Systems, Inc.	Indianapolis
The Estridge Companies	Carmel
The Heavyweights, Inc.	Indianapolis
TLS.net, Inc.	Columbus
United Consulting	Indianapolis
VMS	Indianapolis
WestPoint Financial Group	Indianapolis

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