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Philadelphia Business Journal names 2009 Best Places to Work winners

The Philadelphia Business Journal announced the region's Best Places to Work Thursday night at an awards ceremony at the Pyramid club.

Winners are listed at bottom.

The Best Places to Work program ranks the top employers in the Delaware Valley according to scores given to the companies by their own workers.

Over the course of the summer, the Business Journal received more than 270 nominations from readers. Employees of nominated companies were then asked to complete an online questionnaire administered by Quantum Market Research, an independent surveying firm in Wichita, Kan.

Employees were asked to rank their company on 38 questions relating to team effectiveness, trust with coworkers, alignment with goals, trust in senior leaders, and people practices in addition to respect, recognition and benefits.

To advance in the contest, a statistically significant number of employees, based on company size, must complete the survey. For example, a company with less than 50 employees must have a response rate of at least 85 percent to qualify.

The Business Journal then sorted the 60 top-scoring winners into small, medium, large, extra-large and based-elsewhere categories. Companies that have placed top in their size category more than once receive Hall of Fame status, marking them as the best of the best.

"After a year of cutbacks, credit worries and layoffs, a lot of people are happy just to have a job. But it takes more than just an employee's grateful relief to bring a company to the top of the list of Best Places to Work," said Sonja Sherwood, associate editor of special reports. "To advance in the contest, companies must have the trust and loyalty of their employees."

THE 2009 BEST PLACES TO WORK

Small Category

- Hall of Fame Winner: BeneServ Corporate Benefit Services
- Gold Winner: PeopleShare Inc.
- Silver Winner: Komfort & Kare Home Medical & Mobility
- Bronze Winner: SecurElement Infrastructure Solutions

Finalists (alpha order):

- Advanced Benefit Advisors Inc.
- ExpenseWatch.com
- eXude Benefits Group Inc.
- Dubin Group, The
- JK Associates Inc.
- MayoSeitz Media
- Really Strategies Inc.
- SEER Interactive
- Staffing Connection Inc.
- TicketLeap
- Vault Communications
- Vynamic

Medium Category

- Hall of Fame Winner: Continental Bank
- Gold Winner: Charon Planning
- Silver Winner: First Financial Group/Mass Mutual
- Bronze Winner: Traffic Planning and Design Inc.

Finalists (alpha order)

- American Executive Centers
- Balfour Beatty Communities
- Bob and Ron's World Wide Stereo
- Communications Media Inc.
- Excel Physical Therapy & Fitness
- IMA Consulting
- Metro Commercial Real Estate
- Nelson Levine de Luca & Horst
- Portico Systems

- RAI Services Inc.
- Spectrum
- W.S. Cumby Inc.

Large Category

- Hall of Fame Winner: The Graham Co.
- Gold Winner: Executive Health Resources
- Silver Winner: Auxilium Pharmaceuticals Inc.
- Bronze Winner: Brandywine Realty Trust

Finalists (alpha order):

- 3rd Federal Bank
- American Heritage Federal Credit Union
- Archer & Greiner
- Association Headquarters
- Digitas Health
- ECFMG
- Genesis Rehab Services
- Health Advocate Inc.
- LiquidHub Inc.
- NextGen Healthcare Information Systems Inc.
- Peirce College
- Worth and Co. Inc.

Extra-Large Category

- Hall of Fame Winners: Virtua and Brown's Superstores Inc.
- Gold Winner: Comcast-Spectacor
- Silver Winner: Comcast Corp.
- Bronze Winner: Main Line Health

Finalists (alpha order):

- Horizon House

- Resources for Human Development Inc.

Headquartered Elsewhere

- Gold Winner: Jones Lang LaSalle
- Silver Winner: CB Richard Ellis Inc.
- Bronze Winner: Hahnemann University Hospital/Tenet Health System

Finalists (alpha order):

- Accenture
- LarsonAllen

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