

“Best Places to Work” event to recognize 35 top state companies

Fifteen large companies and 20 small- and medium-sized firms will be recognized by The Business Ledger as the “Best Places to Work in Illinois” at an awards reception May 19 at Northern Illinois University-Naperville, 1120 E. Diehl Road, Naperville.

The top-to-bottom rankings of the selected companies – from 1-15 in the large company division and from 1-20 in the small- to mid-sized category – will be revealed at that time

Keynote speaker for the event is Doug Whitley, president and CEO of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce.

The statewide competition is co-sponsored by The Business Ledger, Human Resources Management Association of Chicago (HRMAC), Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, Illinois State Council – Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), Workforce Boards of Metropolitan Chicago and Best Companies Group.

The event, which will run from 4:30-7:30 p.m., is open to the public at \$50 per person for the reception, appetizers and dessert. Prior to the event, from 3-4:30 p.m., The Business Ledger and Best Companies Group will present a Best Practices Seminar.

The two-part seminar will include a presentation by Peter Burke, president of Best Companies Group, on “Becoming a Best Place to Work” as well as a panel discussion on “Winning HR Strategies to Achieve ‘Best’ Status,” featuring representatives from past ‘Best Places’ companies. Seminar tickets are \$25 per person, or \$60 for both the seminar and awards presentation.

For more information on the event and to download an invitation, visit www.thebusinessledger.com.

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

“We are delighted to recognize the best places to work in our state,” said Bob Strasser, publisher of The Business Ledger. “The quality of the top firms in each category is extremely high and we have seen how the companies being honored take great pride in being selected.”

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

- Administaff
- ATI Physical Therapy
- Burns & McDonnell
- Digitas
- Draftfcb
- Edward Jones
- Hitachi Consulting
- Ice Miller LLP

- Lockton Companies LLC
- National Futures Association
- National Insurance Crime Bureau
- Quest Diagnostics
- Rush-Copley Medical Center
- Shared Technologies Inc.
- Sundance Vacations

The top small to mid-sized companies (15-249 employees) are:

- Alpine Consulting Inc.
- Association Management Center
- Assurance
- Corbett, Duncan & Hubly
- EMKAY Inc.
- Geneca
- Groupon
- Instant Technology
- Laurus Strategies
- Marquette Group
- Perspectives, Ltd
- R. H. Wine
- Radio Flyer, Inc
- Ripinger Financial Group
- Skender Construction
- Tasty Catering
- The Comprehensive Group
- The Effner Financial Group, Inc.
- Upshot
- Vela Insurance Services LLC

Corporate Sponsors for the event are B. Gunther & Company, Inc., My Chef, LeaderBoard of Chicago and Northern Illinois University-Naperville.

The Business Ledger will publish a supplement to its June 28 edition profiling the recognized companies.

For more information or to register for the event, go to www.bestplacestoworkinil.com.

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