

Companies named 'Best Places to Work in S.C.'

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COLUMBIA -- Ranging from the Upstate to the Coastal Plains and the Midlands, 28 large and small companies have been named "Best Places to Work in South Carolina" for 2008.

The multiyear initiative to encourage S.C. companies to focus, measure and move their workplace toward excellence involved a partnership among the S.C. Chamber of Commerce; the S.C. Society for Human Resource Management's S.C. State Council; and SC Biz News, operator of SCJobMarket.com and publisher of the *Charleston Regional Business Journal*, the *Columbia Regional Business Report*, *GSA Business* and *SCBIZ* magazine.

Independent research firm Best Companies Group surveyed the participating companies. The selection process was based on an assessment of the company's employee policies and procedures and the results of a 65-question employee survey.

All participating companies will receive an Assessment Findings Report, which summarizes and sorts employee feedback and includes South Carolina benchmarking data. The report will help the companies develop and implement strategic steps necessary to create an effective workplace and continue to improve the performance of their business.

The companies that made the list will find out where they rank at a special recognition event to be held at the Embassy Suites on Oct. 16 in Columbia.

Participating companies that made the list in alphabetical order:

SMALL TO MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES

(15-249 employees)

Advanced Technology Institute, North Charleston
ArborOne, ACA, Florence
Automation Engineering, Greenville
Buist Moore Smythe McGee P.A., Charleston
Classic Residence by Hyatt on Hilton Head Island
Cynergi Systems, Duncan
DeVita & Associates Inc., Greenville
Erwin-Penland, Greenville
Family Trust Federal Credit Union, Rock Hill
FGP International, Greenville
First Community Bank, Lexington
First Reliance Bank, Florence
Global Performance LLC, Greenville
Johnson & Johnson Inc., Charleston
Life Cycle Engineering, North Charleston
Mayer Electric Supply Company, Birmingham, Ala.
Rosenfeld Einstein, Greenville

Select Health of South Carolina Inc., Charleston
Separation Dynamics, Fountain Inn
SynTerra Corporation, Greenville

LARGE-SIZED COMPANIES

(250 or more employees)

AgFirst Farm Credit Bank, Columbia
Colonial Life, Columbia
Edward Jones, Louisville, Ky.
Elliott Davis LLC, Greenville
Hubbell Lighting Inc., Greenville
Lexington Medical Center, West Columbia
Sonoco, Hartsville
South Carolina Federal Credit Union, North Charleston