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## **Best Employers in Ohio Announced**

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Manufacturers' Education Council and the Ohio Society of Human Resource Managers are proud to announce the Best Employers in Ohio 2007, sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield:

**Small/Medium Companies** (25-199 employees)

Catholic Healthcare Partners, Cincinnati  
Cohen & Company, Cleveland  
Crowe Chizek and Company LLC, several Ohio locations  
Duke Realty Coporation, several Ohio locations  
Hill, Barth & King LLC, Youngstown  
Hull & Associates, Inc., Dublin  
NOVA Chemicals, Inc., Painesville  
OEConnection LLC, Richfield  
RACO Industries LLC Cincinnati  
The Quandel Group, Inc., Cincinnati

**Large Companies** (200 or more employees)

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC, Elyria

Casto Management Services, Columbus

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati

EMP Management Group, Ltd., Canton

Edward Jones, several Ohio locations

InfoCision Management Corporation, Akron

OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc., Dublin

SS& G Financial Services, Inc., Solon

Sheetz, Inc., several Ohio locations

Southern Ohio Medical Center, Portsmouth

Westfield Group, Westfield Center

This is the second year for the competition that is sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and organized by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Manufacturer's Educational Council and Ohio Society of Human Resource Managers. The companies who made the list of the Best Employers in Ohio will find out their official rankings at a recognition ceremony on Tuesday, April 24 at the Capitol Theatre in downtown Columbus. The recognition ceremony is being held in conjunction with the Ohio Chamber's Annual Meeting and Legislative Reception featuring George F. Will, syndicated columnist from The Washington Post and political commentator.

The Best Employers in Ohio awards program is designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Ohio. To be considered for participation, companies had to fulfill the following eligibility requirements:

- Have at least 25 employees in Ohio;

- Be a for-profit or not-for-profit business;
- Be a publicly or privately held business; and
- Have a facility in Ohio.

Companies from across the state entered the two-part process to determine the Best Employers in Ohio. The first part consisted of evaluating each nominated company's workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics. This part of the process was worth approximately 25 percent of the total evaluation. The second part consisted of an employee survey to measure the employee experience. This part of the process was worth approximately 75 percent of the total evaluation. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final ranking. Best Companies Group managed the overall registration and survey process in Ohio with assistance from ModernThink LLC, who analyzed the data and used their expertise to determine the final rankings.

The official rankings of all of the companies will be released to the public and media on April 25. For more information on the awards program, visit the Web site <http://www.ohiochamber.com>.

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