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## **Best Employers in Ohio Announced**

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Society of Human Resource Managers are proud to announce the Best Employers in Ohio 2008, sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield:

**Small/Medium Companies** (25-250 employees)

Catholic Healthcare Partners, Home Office, Cincinnati  
COBA/Select Sires, Columbus  
Cohen & Company, Cleveland  
Crowe Chizek and Company LLC, throughout Ohio  
Davis College, Toledo  
Duke Realty Corporation, throughout Ohio  
Education Sales Management, Lewis Center  
Packer Thomas, Youngstown  
RACO Industries LLC, Cincinnati

The Quandel Group, Inc., Youngstown

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

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati

Edward Jones, throughout Ohio

EMP Management Group, Ltd., Canton

Firelands Regional Medical Center, Sandusky

InfoCision Management Corporation, Akron

Marietta Memorial Hospital, Marietta

Southern Ohio Medical Center, Portsmouth

SS&G Financial Services, Inc., throughout Ohio

The CareWorks Family of Companies, Dublin

VSP-Vision Service Plan, Columbus

This is the third year for the competition that is sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and organized by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce 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 15 at the Vern Riffe Center in downtown Columbus. The recognition ceremony is being held in conjunction with the Ohio Chamber's Annual Meeting and Legislative Reception featuring Former Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove and Former U.S. Senator Max Cleland.

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 16. For more information on the awards program, visit the Web site <http://www.ohiochamber.com>.

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