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Applications Now Being Accepted for the Seventh Annual Best Places to Work in Kentucky Awards Competition

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 2, 2010) – The Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management (KYSHRM) state council and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce are now accepting applications for the seventh annual **Best Places to Work in Kentucky**. The program is a multi-year initiative encouraging companies in the Commonwealth to focus, measure and advance workplace environments toward excellence. If you think your company is one of the Best Places to Work in Kentucky, apply today. **Friday, Oct. 29, 2010** is the application deadline. Registration information and further details about the program can be found online at www.bestplacestoworkky.com.

Best Companies Group will survey participating companies and reveal award winners in January 2011. Award winners will receive a final ranking at the awards ceremony on April 20, 2011 in Lexington. The rankings and in-depth interviews with the winners will also be published in the Best Places to Work in Kentucky magazine that will be distributed at the conclusion of the awards event.

Winners will be selected from two categories, small/medium-sized companies of 25 to 249 employees and large-sized companies consisting of more than 250 employees. The selection process is based on an assessment of the company's employee policies and procedures and the results of an internal employee survey. Best Companies Group manages the assessment and survey based on research and list selection. All participating companies will receive the survey feedback, enabling them to develop plans and implement necessary steps to create a great workplace and continue to improve business performance. These companies will also receive a 30-minute phone session with Best Companies Group consultants to evaluate results of the assessment findings report.

"The goal of Best Places to Work in Kentucky is to raise the bar among the state's employers and create the kind of excellence and employee satisfaction in the workplace that will attract talented people for years to come," said Jeff Nally, SPHR, KYSHRM Chair, "This initiative is integral for Kentucky to compete in both national and global arenas."

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