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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### ***Finalists Announced for 2007 Best Companies to Work For in Colorado***

DENVER (June 7, 2007) – The finalists for the *2007 Best Companies to Work for in Colorado* have been announced. \*\* The complete list of finalists (not in rank order) is at the end of this release. \*\*

The rankings for the *2007 Best Companies to Work for in Colorado* will be released at an awards luncheon at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at the Belmar Center in Lakewood, Colorado. The event's master of ceremonies will be 9News Business News Reporter Greg Moss. Event tickets and corporate tables can be purchased at [www.COSHRM.org](http://www.COSHRM.org).

This initiative was designed to:

- honor companies in Colorado that show dedication to their employees' growth and quality of life;
- develop definitive information to help existing companies in Colorado retain their workforce;
- promote Colorado's best employment opportunities to attract new workers; and
- distinguish businesses in Colorado that attract and retain Colorado's talented workforce.

The competition recognizes participants in two different categories in Colorado: medium-sized companies (25-249 employees) and large-sized employers (250 employees or more). Ranking companies were evaluated and chosen by the Best Companies Group, and their participation will lead to long-term benefits for Colorado.

To be eligible for consideration, companies must meet the following criteria:

- Be a for-profit or not-for-profit business
- Be a publicly or privately held business
- Have a facility in the state of Colorado
- Have a minimum of 25 employees in the state of Colorado

The awards program is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual statewide program of its kind in Colorado, and is modeled after *Fortune Magazine's* "100 Best Companies to Work for in America," and other statewide Best Places to Work programs administered in 17 other states.



Best Companies is a collaborative effort among its many partners, which include Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Colorado State Council, Boulder Area Human Resource Association, Colorado Human Resource Association, Colorado Springs Society of Human Resource Management, Northern Colorado Human Resource Association, High Country Human Resource Association, Western Colorado Human Resource Association, Jobing.com, *ColoradoBiz* Magazine, and the Best Companies Group.

The Best Companies Group, assisted by ModernThink, LLC, conducted an assessment of participating companies that was a two-part process designed to gather detailed data about each company. In part one, the employer completes a questionnaire and in part two, employees of the company complete an employee survey.

The survey data was then combined to enable the experts at ModernThink, LLC to determine the strengths and opportunities of the participating companies. The companies were then ranked based on this data. ModernThink, LLC also created Assessment Findings Reports that are returned to each participating company. General comparisons of a company's data to the rest of the field are also included. The information companies received will be almost as valuable as finding themselves on the final list.

Listings of the finalists from both the medium-sized and large-sized companies, arranged alphabetically, are included with this release. Company ranking in each category will be announced at the July 31, 2007 award luncheon.

For more information on *Best Companies to Work For in Colorado*, please visit the SHRM Colorado State Council website at [www.coshrm.org](http://www.coshrm.org).

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**2007 Large Companies**

<b>Company</b>	<b>City</b>
Baxa Corporation	Englewood, CO
Education Sales Management	Highlands Ranch, CO
Edward Jones	Various locations in CO
Hunter Douglas Window Fashions, Inc.	Broomfield, CO
PricewaterhouseCoopers L.L.P.	Denver, CO
Quest Diagnostics Incorporated	Denver, CO
Simpson Housing LLLP	Denver, CO
The Medical Center of Aurora / Centennial Medical Plaza	Aurora, CO
T-Mobile USA – Colorado Call Centers	Thornton, CO
University Corporation for Atmospheric Research	Boulder, CO

**2007 Medium Companies**

<b>Company</b>	<b>City</b>
ADA Technologies, Inc.	Littleton, CO
AlloSource	Centennial, CO
Anton Collins Mitchell LLP	Denver, CO
Boecore, Inc.	Colorado Springs, CO
Chaco, Inc.	Paonia, CO
Delta Petroleum Corporation	Denver, CO
Forerunner Corporation	Lakewood, CO
Griffis/Blessing, Inc.	Colorado Springs, CO
Infinity Systems Engineering, LLC	Colorado Springs, CO
Magpie Telecom Insiders, Inc.	Denver, CO
McStain Neighborhoods	Louisville, CO
Merrick & Company	Aurora, CO
Milesbrand	Denver, CO
New Frontier Bank	Denver, CO
PCL Construction Enterprises, Inc.	Denver, CO
Rally Software	Boulder, CO
ReadyTalk	Denver, CO
SOS Staffing Services, Inc.	Various locations in CO
Utility Engineering Corporation	Denver, CO
ViaWest	Denver, CO