

Best Places to Work in IL 2011

A workplace analysis and competition

OUR TOP 40

These Illinois companies best at inspiring trust, loyalty in their employees

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2 RADIO FLYER INC., Chicago

Radio Flyer is the manufacturer of those little red wagons everyone once had and perhaps still have. Radio Flyer is the leading producer of wagons, tricycles and spring horses in the United States, and manufactures more than 100 award-winning products available in 25 countries.

Radio Flyer has been around since 1917, and is the creator and caretaker of one of the greatest childhood icons ever.

Radio Flyer cultivates a work culture that reminds employees of the value of their work, which is producing toys and products that will be remembered by customers forever.

Radio Flier's mission, to get kids out of the house and participating in active imaginative play, is one that resonates throughout the staff.

Last year, Radio Flyer ranked third in the Best Places to Work in Illinois.

The following companies were selected as the Best Places to Work in Illinois 2011 by the Daily Herald Business Ledger, in partnership with the Human Resources Management Association of Chicago, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, the Society for Human Resource Management – Illinois State Council, the Workforce Boards of Metropolitan Chicago, and managed by Best Companies Group.

Small to Mid-Sized Companies

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| 1. Assurance | 14. Instant Technology |
| 2. Radio Flyer Inc. | 15. Avalon Risk Management |
| 3. Laurus Strategies | 16. EMKAY Inc. |
| 4. Tasty Catering | 17. The Effner Financial Group Inc. |
| 5. TRI-S3CT LLC | 18. Association Management Center |
| 6. Skender Construction | 19. Kutchins, Robbins & Diamond, LTD |
| 7. Balasa Dinverno Foltz LLC | 20. R.H. Wine Co. Inc. |
| 8. Adage Technologies | 21. Impact Networking LLC |
| 9. Black Diamond Plumbing & Mechanical Inc. | 22. Physicians Interactive |
| 10. Geneca LLC | 23. Mueller & Co. LLP |
| 11. Rose Paving Company | 24. Rippinger Financial Group |
| 12. Corbett, Duncan & Hubly P.C. | |
| 13. Comp TIA | |