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**1st Annual 'Best Places to Work in Indiana' List Announced;
Company Rankings Given at May 3 Indiana Chamber Luncheon**

March 6, 2006 (INDIANAPOLIS) — The Indiana Chamber of Commerce announces 36 Hoosier companies are being honored in the first annual “Best Places to Work in Indiana” program, presented by Anthem.

This new program honors the top companies in the state, as determined through employer reports and comprehensive employee surveys. Winners were selected from two categories: small to medium-sized companies of between 25 and 199 employees, and large-sized companies consisting of 200 or more employees. Out-of-state parent companies were eligible to participate if at least 25 full-time employees are in Indiana.

The Best Companies Group has overseen similar programs in more than a dozen other states. ModernThink, LLC, a workplace excellence consulting firm, handled the selection process. The basis for this initiative is *Fortune* magazine’s noted “100 Best Companies to Work for in America.”

“Our goal with Best Places to Work in Indiana is two-fold: to recognize the first-rate Hoosier employers who take pride in creating an environment that makes employees feel valued and to encourage other Indiana companies to examine their workplace structure and how it impacts their employees,” offers Indiana Chamber President Kevin Brinegar. “After all, an employee who feels valued will likely be more productive for the employer.”

The actual rankings of the top Hoosier companies will be announced at the Best Places to Work Awards luncheon on May 3 at the Westin Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. Winners will also be recognized via a special section of the Indiana Chamber’s bimonthly *BizVoice*® magazine and through *Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick* – both of which reach statewide audiences. Additional program partners are the Indiana State Council of the Society for Human Resource Management and the Indiana Youth Institute.

The featured speaker at the awards luncheon is ModernThink’s Scott Cawood, who will provide insight on what makes a company a “Best Place to Work.” To register to attend this event, visit www.indianachamber.com.

All companies that participated in the program receive an in-depth evaluation identifying strengths and weaknesses according to their employees. In turn, this report can be used in developing or enhancing employee retention and recruitment programs.

For more information on the Indiana Chamber’s Best Places to Work program, go to www.bestplacestoworkIN.com. Program sponsors for 2006, in addition to Anthem, are AARP, Baker & Daniels, Ball State University, BKD CPAs and Advisors, Cinergy, CLS Benefit Solutions, Inc., FedEx, Old National, Roche Diagnostics and Simon Property Group.

The Best Places to Work in Indiana companies listed in alphabetical order, no ranking:

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Small to Medium-sized Companies (25-199 employees)

Company	Location
Ace Mortgage Funding, Inc.	Indianapolis
Ash Brokerage Corporation	Fort Wayne
Bowen Engineering Corporation	Fishers
Cargo Services, Inc.	Indianapolis
C.I.K. Enterprises, LLC	Indianapolis
Eaton Corporation	South Bend
G&S Research, Inc.	Carmel
Katz, Sapper & Miller	Indianapolis
Keller Schroeder & Associates, Inc.	Evansville
KPMG LLP	New York City
LaBov & Beyond Marketing Communications	Fort Wayne
Morales Group, Inc.	Indianapolis
Paul I. Cripe, Inc.	Indianapolis
Protis Executive Innovations	Indianapolis
Safety Management Group	Carmel
Somerset CPAs, P.C.	Indianapolis
Sommer Barnard Attorneys, PC	Indianapolis
T2 Systems, Inc.	Indianapolis
Tx:Team	Indianapolis
VMS	Indianapolis
Walker Information	Indianapolis

Large Companies (200 or more employees)

Company	Location
1st Source Bank	South Bend
Celadon Trucking Services Inc.	Indianapolis
Columbus Regional Hospital	Columbus
Crowe Chizek and Company LLC	Indianapolis
Dow AgroScience	Indianapolis
Duke Realty Corporation	Indianapolis
Edward Jones	Indianapolis
Emmis Communications	Indianapolis
Endress+Hauser	Greenwood
Floyd Memorial Hospital and Health Services	New Albany
Fort Wayne Metals	Fort Wayne
Goshen Health System	Goshen
Irwin Union Bank	Columbus
Sallie Mae, Inc.	Fishers
The Cellular Connection	Marion

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