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The Daily Herald Business Ledger is Looking for the “Best Places to Work in Illinois” –Registration Date is January 27, 2012.

The “*Best Places to Work in Illinois*” is a combination survey, study and awards ceremony established to identify the top places of employment in Illinois.

The statewide competition is conducted by the Daily Herald Business Ledger. Marketing partners are the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce and the Workforce Boards of Metropolitan Chicago.

Last year, 40 companies were honored, 24 in the medium-sized category and 16 in the large company category. Schaumburg-based Assurance, an independent insurance brokerage, topped the rankings among medium-sized firms for the second consecutive year, while Ryan, LLC, a leading global tax services firm, headquartered in Dallas, TX but with a major Chicago office, was rated first among large companies.

Companies benefit greatly from being recognized as “the best.” Companies applying best business practices and embracing high standards advance their business and distinguishes them from competitors.

To enter the competition, visit www.bestplacestoworkil.com or call Best Companies Group at 1-877-455-2159. Entry deadline is **January 27, 2012**.

The Best Places to Work in Illinois awards program is open to all for-profit and non-profit companies in the state. A final ranking will honor companies in two categories:

- Medium-sized companies with 15-249 U.S. employees; and
- Large-sized companies with over 250 employees.

Research is conducted through a two-part process designed to gather detailed data about each participating company. This includes an organizational inventory from corporate management as well as an individualized survey for company employees.

The information is compiled and analyzed by The Best Companies Group, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, an independent organization that has developed a formula for determining which companies make the list. A participation fee funds the analysis by Best Companies Group.

All participating companies, whether or not among those top-ranked, will receive detailed data identifying the strengths and weaknesses of their workplace according to a survey of their employees.

Announcement of the top-rated firms will come in May of 2012 at an awards banquet and through a special supplement in The Daily Herald Business Ledger.

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The Daily Herald Business Ledger is the leading provider of business news and information about businesses and the economy in suburban Chicago. The company publishes a bi-weekly newspaper and also distributes information through special publications, an Internet site (www.dhbusinessledger.com) and other media. In addition, The Daily Herald Business Ledger hosts a series of seminars, conferences and awards programs throughout the year.

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