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Thirty Best Places to Work in Oklahoma announced

Oklahoma City, Okla. – *OKCBusiness* announced today that thirty Oklahoma companies were selected as top finalists for the 2008 Best Places to Work in Oklahoma program. This annual initiative identifies and honors Oklahoma's best employers.

OKCBusiness Associate Publisher Jeffri-Lynn Dyer said, "The Best Places to Work competition motivates local companies to strive for workplace excellence and recognizes those that have achieved it."

Modern Think LLC, an independent consulting firm, collected data from the entrants and performed employee surveys to determine which companies had the best practices, ranking them accordingly. Each participating company also receives an in-depth analysis of the data.

OKCBusiness will announce the rankings of the Best Places to Work finalists at its annual awards dinner on May 1, 2008 at the Cox Convention Center and in its *Best Places to Work* magazine publishing the same day.

This year's program is sponsored by Nextep, a human resources outsourcing firm in Norman that was the 2006 and 2007 winner of Best Places to Work in Oklahoma. Best Companies Group and *OKCBusiness* have also partnered with the Oklahoma HR Council, The State Chamber, Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance, Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits, Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and Oklahoma Department of Commerce to promote the annual program.

Event tickets and copies of the magazine may be purchased by calling 405.605.6715.

The 2008 Best Places to Work in Oklahoma finalists, in alphabetical order, are:

Beam's Seatbelts, Inc.
BVA Advanced Eye Care
Capital One Auto Finance
CFR Insurance & Risk Management
Chesapeake Energy Corporation
Claimetrics
Coppermark Bank
Diagnostic Laboratory of Oklahoma
Edward Jones
Eide Bailly LLP
Emergency Physicians Billing Services
First Fidelity Bank N. A.
Grant Thornton LLP
Great Plains Regional Medical Center
INTEGRIS Health, Inc.

Kimray, Inc.
Norman Regional Health System
North American Group
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation
Rees Associates, Inc.
Scott & Goble Architects, Inc.
Scott Rice
Selsor Schaefer Architects
Stanley, Inc.
Tate Publishing & Enterprises, LLC
Tinker Federal Credit Union
Tullius, Taylor, Sartain & Sartain
U.S. Cellular
Vox Printing