

FORTUNE Announces That Milliken is Included on the 2009 "100 Best Companies To Work For" List

Milliken & Company again the only South Carolina-headquartered company ranked

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FORTUNE announced Thursday that Milliken & Company has been ranked #64 on the 12th annual "100 Best Companies to Work For" list. Once again, Milliken is the only South Carolina-based company to make the list. Milliken also ranked #17 on the Best MEDIUM-Sized Company list. The full list and related stories appear in the February 2 issue of FORTUNE, available on newsstands on Monday, January 26, and now at www.FORTUNE.com/bestcompanies.

A driving factor for the companies on this year's list is that they excel at creating jobs. Of the 100 companies on the 2009 list, 73 are currently hiring.

In his FORTUNE.com blog, Managing Editor Andy Serwer writes, "No matter what happens with the economy, the demand for talent will remain. Great companies know that super-motivated, happy, world-class employees are an incredible competitive advantage."

To pick the "100 Best Companies to Work For," FORTUNE works with Robert Levering and Milton Moskowitz of the Great Place to Work® Institute—a global research and consulting firm with offices in 30 countries—to conduct the most extensive employee survey in corporate America.

"Making FORTUNE's '100 Best Companies to Work for' list for a fifth time is great recognition for all our associates," stated Joe Salley, President & CEO. "Their constant engagement and dedication to building a strong culture of integrity, innovation, and excellence is truly what makes Milliken successful."

More than 81,000 employees from 353 companies responded to the 57-question survey created by the Institute. Two-thirds of a company's score is based on the survey, which is sent to a minimum of 400 randomly selected employees. The remaining third is based on a company's responses to the Culture Audit questionnaire, which asks detailed questions about demographics, pay and benefits, and open-ended questions on philosophy, communication and more.

Any company that is at least seven years old with more the 1,000 U.S. employees is eligible to be included on the list. The deadline for applying for next year's list is March 31, 2009. For an online nomination form, go to www.greatplacetowork-100best.com.

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