

The logo features the year '2011' in white on a blue background, with a red lighthouse and a white sailboat on a blue wave below it. To the right, the text 'Best Places to' is in blue and 'Work in ME' is in red, both in a serif font.

2011 *Best Places to Work in ME*

Forty Companies Listed in Sixth Annual Best Places to Work in Maine Program
For the first time, all companies on the list will be ranked at the fall banquet

Augusta, ME—August 12, 2011---The Maine State Council of the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) has announced that 40 companies have been named in the sixth annual "Best Places to Work in Maine" program.

From this list, all companies in each category will find out how they ranked at an awards banquet October 11 at the Ramada Conference Center in Lewiston.

The 2011 Best Places to Work in Maine program recognizes companies that have established and consistently fostered outstanding workplace environments. Partners endorsing the program include: Best Companies Group, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, Employment Times/MyJobWave.com, and Mainebiz.

Listed alphabetically, the 40 companies are:

- Alere Scarborough, Inc., Scarborough
- Androscoggin Bank, Lewiston
- athenahealth, Inc., Belfast
- Bangor Savings Bank, Bangor
- Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Bar Harbor
- Bernstein Shur, Portland
- Burgess Advertising & Marketing, Portland
- CashStar, Portland
- Cianbro, Pittsfield
- Consigli Construction Co., Inc., Portland
- Edward Jones, Eliot
- emg3, Portland
- EMHS, Brewer
- FISC Solutions, Lewiston
- Garrand, Portland
- GreenPages Technology Solutions
- Hall Internet Marketing, Scarborough
- Holden Agency Insurance, Portland
- Hollywood Slots Hotel & Raceway, Bangor
- Hurley Travel Experts, Portland
- Kepware Technologies, Portland
- L.L. Bean, Inc., Freeport

- Machias Savings Bank, Machias
- Maine Eye Care Associates, Waterville
- Maine Savings Federal Credit Union, Hampden
- Maine State Credit Union, Augusta
- MMG Insurance Company, Presque Isle
- MOUNTAIN, LTD., New Gloucester
- New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc., Norway
- Nurse Anesthesia of Maine, Brewer
- PeoplesChoice Credit Union, Saco
- Port Harbor Marine, South Portland
- PowerPay, LLC., Portland
- Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution, Saco
- Skowhegan Savings Bank, Skowhegan
- The Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor
- Turner Barker Insurance, Portland
- Tyler Technologies, Falmouth
- Unum, Portland
- Volk Packaging Corporation, Biddeford

The assessment process, administered by the Best Companies Group, evaluated each company's employee policies and procedures as well as responses from the company's employees. The program marks the most recent step in a long-term initiative to encourage growth and excellence throughout all Maine companies.

The program also helps companies that want to improve their score. The Best Companies Group "Employee Feedback Report" is presented to each participating company, even if it did not make the list. The report summarizes employee engagement and satisfaction data, the "Maine Benchmark Report," and the transcript of employee written comments. The report is used by many organizations to make significant improvements in their workplace culture.

Sponsorship opportunities at the Oct. 11 awards banquet are still available. Contact Kelly Nelson at (207) 784-5441 or Jessica Palladino at (207) 396-7645 for more information. Further details about the "Best Places to Work in Maine" program and the awards banquet can be found online at www.BestPlacestoWorkInME.com.