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Here are the 2018 Best Places to Work in Central Ohio, plus what makes them special

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Wanna get away? From your current job, that is.

With the job scene a sellers' market, if you're itching to find a new employer who will treat you better, we've got some great candidates that offer a positive workplace culture.

Columbus Business First has finalized the 2018 honorees in the region's original and longest-running awards program honoring the Best Places to Work in Central Ohio.

Want to see what it takes to become one of the Best Places to Work?

Check out the winning companies, and what they offer their employees, in the gallery above.

You can get even more advice from the companies that won last year on how they did it.

We received more than 220 nominations in the 14th year for the program. Those were winnowed down to 46 honorees through workplace satisfaction surveys administered independently by Omaha, Neb.-based Quantum Workplace.

We'll celebrate the honorees – and reveal their rankings – at an awards luncheon at the Hyatt Regency downtown on Nov. 6. More information is here.

The Best Places to Work program is open to any company or organization with a Central Ohio office with at least 10 full-time employees.

The awards are being handed out in five categories: Extra large companies with at least 250 local employees; large companies with 100 to 249 employees; medium companies with 50 to 99 local employees; small companies with between 25 and 49 workers; and micro companies with 10 to 24. Ten companies are being honored in each category.

If you talk about the awards on Twitter or Instagram, use the hashtag #Biz1stBPTW so everyone can follow along and we can do a roundup later.

Here are this year's honorees, alphabetical by category. We'll reveal the rankings at the Nov. 6 banquet and in a special publication that week.

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COMPANY WEBSITES

Company: Kaiser Consulting

Category: Medium

What programs or actions has your company implemented to make it a Best Place to Work?

Paid Time Off

Referral Bonuses for new employees

Revenue Sharing for new client work

Referral Bonus for new client work

Marketing Incentives

Recognition program

Newsletter that shares employee news and positive feedback from clients

Continuing Education for all employees

CPE (Continuing Professional Education) reimbursement for CPA's and other licensed employees

Professional dues and subscriptions

Bonus for CPA or other certifications

Internal Training Coordinator and CPE library

401K with generous employer match

Employee Book Club

Cell phone discount

Social Committee with events for employees, employees & significant other and for employees' families

Annual employee survey with transparency and feedback/changes related to all comments and concerns

New technology and tools for all employees

Holiday and other employee gifts throughout the year