

2009 'Best Places to Work' Announced

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Syntera Corp. and Elliott Davis LLC were each named No. 2 on "Best Places to Work" lists in South Carolina. Syntera, an environmental engineering and science consulting firm, was on a list of employers with fewer than 250 employees. Elliott Davis, an accounting firm, was listed among employers with more than 250 employees.

In addition to the two Greenville-based companies, Spartanburg-based Longleaf Holdings USA LLC also made the small/medium employers list at No. 9. Longleaf offers product destruction, storage, records and information management, and training services, in addition to a commercial real estate practice and the brewer R.J. Rockers Brewing Co.

"South Carolina is home to some of the best places to work in the nation," said Otis Rawl Jr., president and CEO of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. "Congratulations to these innovative companies that are setting the example as superb organizations for our state's workforce to prosper."

The state chamber, the Society for Human Resource Management and the publishers of SC Biz magazine announced the rankings on Oct. 8. Presented by Nexsen Pruet LLC, the "Best Places to Work" awards program recognizes South Carolina's most innovative and top-notch employers.

The 2009 rankings are:

Small/Medium Employers (15-249 employees)

- 1) Johnson & Johnson, Charleston
- 2) SynTerra, Greenville**
- 3) Select Health of South Carolina Inc., Charleston
- 4) Clover Community Bank, Clover
- 5) KeenanSuggs Insurance, Columbia
- 6) Life Cycle Engineering, Charleston
- 7) McAngus Goudelock & Courie, Columbia

8) Environmental Express, Mount Pleasant

9) Longleaf Holdings USA LLC, Spartanburg

10) First Reliance Bank, Florence

11) C. F. Evans & Company Inc., Orangeburg

12) First Community Bank, Lexington

13) Buist Moore Smythe McGee PA, Charleston

14) South Carolina Education Lottery, Columbia

For Large Employers (250 or more employees), the rankings are:

1) Edward Jones, Florence

2) Elliott Davis LLC, Greenville

3) AgFirst Farm Credit Bank, Columbia

4) Palmetto Health, Columbia

5) Stanley Inc., North Charleston

6) Seibels, Bruce & Co., Columbia