



Best of Business 2007

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Our congratulations to the winners of the third Arkansas Business Best of Business Awards! The winners and runners-up are listed on the following pages.

Hundreds of people logged onto ArkansasBusiness.com to vote for the companies and organizations that they think are the best in the state at what they do. We thank every one of you. After polling ended at midnight Oct. 31, we compiled this unscientific survey. Our readers shared their opinions on a wide variety of business-related categories, from the best accounting firm to the best trucking company. We hope that you'll enjoy reading the results and will consider using the services of the many fine companies and organizations that made the list.



Banking/Finance/Insurance/Legal

Best Accounting Firm

Moore Stephens Frost

Runners-up:

- BKD LLP
- Young & Associates

Best Bank for Business

Metropolitan National Bank

Runners-up:

- Arvest Bank
- Twin City Bank

Best Financial/Personal Investment Service

Stephens Inc

Runners-up:

- Arvest Bank
- Metropolitan National Bank

Best Business Insurance Firm

The Hatcher Agency

Runners-up:

- The Grace Group
- State Farm Insurance

Best Property & Casualty Insurance Provider

Mark V. Williamson Co.

Runners-up:

- Cincinnati Insurance Co.
- The Insurance Center

Best Health Insurance Provider

The Hatcher Agency

Runners-up:

- Cincinnati Insurance Co.
- The Insurance Center

Best Law Firm

Friday Eldredge & Clark

Runners-up:

- Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon & Galchus PC
- Mitchell Williams Selig Gates & Woodyard PLLC

Best Life Insurance Provider

The Hatcher Agency

Runners-up:

- Met Life
- Principal Financial Group

Building Services

Best Architectural Firms

Cromwell Architects Engineers Inc.

Runners-up:

- Argenta Community Development Corp.
- Wittenberg, Delony & Davidson

Best Electrical Contractor

IK Electric

Runners-up:

- Elliott Electric
- Fleming Electric

Best Engineering Firm

Garver Engineers

Runner-up:

- TME Inc.

Best General Contractor

CDI Contractors LLC

Runners-up:

- Baldwin & Shell Construction Co.
- CBM Construction Co.

Best HVAC Contractor

Middleton Heating and Air Conditioning

Runners-up:

- Bennett Service Co.
- BR McGinty Mechanical Contractor

Best Interior Office Design

Innerplan Office Interiors

Runners-up:

- Express Your Self
- Garry Mertins Design

Best Interior Plant Services

PLANTation Services

Best Office Cleaning Services

OJ's Commercial Cleaning

Runners-up:

- Four Corners Janitorial Service
- Molly Maid

Best Plumbing Contractors

Don M. Houff Plumbing Co. Runners-up

- Ed Loftis Plumbing
- Ray Lusk Plumbing

Business Equipment

Best Cellular Company for Business Use

AT&T Wireless

Runner-up:

- Alltel

Best Place to Purchase Office Equipment

Office Depot Runners-up:

- Arkansas Office Products
- Staples

Best Place to Purchase Office Furniture

Innerplan Office Interiors

Runners-up:

- Ashley Furniture
- Today's Office

Best Place to Purchase Office Supplies

Office Depot

Runners-up:

- Office Max
- Pettus Office Products

Best Telecommunications Company

AT&T

Runners-up:

- Alltel
- Optus Inc.

Business Event

Best Caterer for a Special Event

Catering to You

Runners-up:

- 1620 Restaurant
- Trio's

Best Caterer for a Business Box Lunch

Jason's Deli

Runners-up:

- Daddy's Deli & Catering
- Downtown Deli

Best Event Rental Service

Confetti's Party Rental

Runner-up:

- Party Time Rental & Events

Best Golf Course for a Business Outing

Chenal Country Club Golf Course Runners-up:

- Pleasant Valley Country Club Golf Course
- Rebsamen Park Golf Course

Best Hotel Stay for a Business Client

The Peabody Little Rock

Runner-up:

- Embassy Suites

Best Place for a Business Conference/Meeting

Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce

Best Place for a Company Retreat

Red Apple Inn

Runners-up:

- 4-H Center
- Mount Magazine State Park

Best Place for a Special Event

The Peabody Little Rock

Runners-up:

- 1620 Restaurant
- Next Level Events

Best Place for Employee Outing

The Climbing Center

Runners-up:

- Cajun's Wharf
- Dickey-Stephens Park

Best Restaurant for a Business Meal

Brave New Restaurant

Runners-up:

- Ferneau
- Red Lobster

Business Services

Best Business Clothier for Men

Greenhaw's Fine Men's Wear Runners-up:

- Bauman's Men's Shop
- Dillard's

Best Business Clothier for Women

Beyond Cotton

Runners-up:

- B. Barnett
- Dillard's

Best Business Consulting Firm

Collins Consulting

Best Business School

Sam M. Walton College of Business, UA

Runners-up:

- Pulaski Technical College
- UALR College of Business

Best Commercial Printer

Magna IV

Runners-up:

- Allegra Print & Imaging
- FedEx Kinko's Office & Print Center

Best Company for Awards and Custom Products

Custom Trophy

Runners-up:

- Discount Trophy
- LSC Marketing

Best Document Destruction Company

Shred-it

Best Dry Cleaning Service

Schickel's Cleaners

Runners-up:

- Cuffs Drycleaners
- Max Cleaners

Best Exercise Facility

Little Rock Athletic Club Runners-up:

- John's Gym
- PowerHouse Gym

Best Florist

Tipton & Hurst

Runners-up:

- About Vase
- Frances Flower Shop

Best Hospital

Baptist Health

Runners-up:

- Arkansas Children's Hospital
- St. Vincent Health System

Best Motivational Speaker

Greg Hatcher

Runner-up:

- Dena Carr, Arkansas Hospice

Best Promotional Items Company

ASAP

Runners-up:

- LSC Marketing
- Promo Depot

Best Security Company

ADT

Runners-up:

- Brink's Home Security
- Whelan Security

Best Spa

Rejuvenation Clinic

Runners-up:

- Caracalla
- Mountain Harbor Resort & Spa

Best Staffing Firm

Staffmark

Runners-up:

- Best Employment Services
- Elite Staffing

Best Team-Building Center

4-H Center

Best Vending Services

Easter Vending

Runner-up:

- Snack Vending Co.

Computer Services

Best Computer Consulting and Training Company

Complete Computing

Runners-up:

- Lavender & Wyatt Systems Inc.
- PC Assistance

Best Computer Services Company

Complete Computing

Runners-up:

- The Computer Hut
- PC Assistance

Best Technology Consulting Firm

PC Assistance

Runners-up:

- Complete Computing
- Lavender & Wyatt Systems Inc.

Best Web Site Development Firm

Aristotle Internet Access

Runner-up:

- FLEX360

Marketing

Best Advertising Agency

Stone Ward

Runners-up:

- CJRW
- Mangan Holcomb Partners

Best Public Relations Agency

The Communications Group

Runners-up:

- Mangan Holcomb Partners
- Stone Ward

Nonprofits

Best Nonprofit Fundraising Event

Potluck

Runners-up:

- Heart Ball

- Race for the Cure

Best Nonprofit/Charitable Organization

Heifer International

Runners-up:

- Arkansas Hospice Foundation
- Easter Seals

Real Estate

Best Commercial Property Developer

David Jones & Co. Commercial Real Estate

Runners-up:

- Flake & Kelley Commercial
- Moses Tucker Real Estate

Best Commercial Real Estate Company

Colliers Dickson Flake Partners

Runner-up:

- Flake & Kelley Commercial

Best Commercial Real Estate Management

Colliers Dickson Flake Partners

Runners-up:

- Blissard Management & Realty
- Flake & Kelley Commercial

Best Residential Real Estate Agency

The Janet Jones Co.

Runner-up:

- Harris McHaney

Transportation

Best Air Charter Service

Central Flying Service

Best Airline

Southwest Airlines

Runners-up:

- American Airlines
- Delta Air Lines

Best Automobile Dealership

Parker Automotive Group

Runners-up:

- Landers
- Russell Honda

Best Courier Service

Parrish Delivery Services

Runners-up:

- Conway Courier
- Smart Choice Delivery

Best Limousine Service for Business Use

Presidential Limousines

Runner-up:

- Little Rock Limousines

Best Travel Agency

Poe Travel

Runner-up:

- Chenal Valley Travel

Best Trucking Company

Mags Trucking

Runners-up:

- Calark Inc.
- J.B. Hunt