NW Jobs Best Companies to Work for 2007

From Sept 21, 2006 to Oct 21, 2007 NW Jobs queries workers in the Puget Sound area to rate local companies in how they provide for their employees in 20 different categories. The final votes are in and this is how Puget Sound Companies made out:

**Best Design/Architecture Firm** - MulvannyG2 - Diversity rules there; more than half of the 500-person staff are women or minorities. Additionally staff reported that teamwork is emphasized in a normally competitive field and staff reported that ‘Friday free breakfast’ was excellent!

**Best Health Care Business** - Premera - Employees stay at Premera for a long time because there is plenty of opportunity for growth and advancement from within -- staff members don't feel like they're stuck in dead-end jobs.

**Best High Tech, Best Large Company, Coolest Office Space and Most Unusual Perks** - F5 Networks - F5 Networks is on the forefront of the internet wave and has been doing its thing for 11 years and reports a 40% rate of new hires. Because it has offices in 31 countries, F5 offers employees endless possibilities for growth and change. F5’s location on Elliott Ave. gives employees a beautiful view and access to 2 waterfront parks, additionally a health club. Finally on Fridays F5 has a micro-brew/wine/snacks party where employees gather to play ping pong and foosball.

**Best Biotech Company** - Fred Hutch Cancer Research - has made strides to further the understanding and cure of cancer- the 2,700 employees who work there take pride in the company’s esteemed achievements. Fred

**Most Laid Back Atmosphere** - Astronics AES (Aerospace) - Employees can wear jeans to work and hold employee ping pong tournaments regularly. Managers have an open door policy, where any employee feels comfortable to stop in.

**Most Family-Friendly Company** - Premera Blue Cross - Employees are never pressured to work overtime and have flexible schedules to accommodate family demands.

**Best Company Parties** - Astronics AES - A holiday party at Red Hook Brewery with a Comedian in the house, or maybe you fancy a summer cruise to Tillicum Village and a Salmon feed? Astronics also holds a regular ‘Office Olympics’ where employees compete in rubber-band archery, paper-waste basket shooting or a cubical obstacle course.


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