

The 100 Best Companies

Employees of the companies on this list were surveyed by Ipsos Worldwide, a global research firm, which determined an initial ranking. A panel of judges then reviewed the results to get the final ranking.

SPECIAL CATEGORY: LARGE COMPANIES NOT HEADQUARTERED IN WASHINGTON

RANK	COMPANY NAME	WEBSITE	INDUSTRY	NO. OF WASH. EMPLOYEES	TOP EXECUTIVE IN WASH.
1	Novo Nordisk	www.novonordisk.com	Biotechnology and pharmaceuticals	47	Don Foster, head of scientific research/Jan Beck, director of research operations
2	PricewaterhouseCoopers	www.pwc.com	Business services	340	Matt Kosmicki
3	Verizon Wireless	www.verizonwireless.com	Computer and telecommunications software and services	500	Kelley Kurtzman, president, Pacific Northwest
3	Weber Shandwick	www.webershandwick.com	Public relations	60	Casey Sheldon, president, Northwest, president, Global Technology Practice
5	Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems Corp.	www.astronicsaes.com	Aerospace manufacturing	258	Mark Peabody, general manager Washington