

The Best in IT

Never in the history of the IT profession have there been so many pressures and demands placed upon the IT organization. In spite of this, there are those that have figured out how to overcome these challenges and earn a spot on this year's "100 Best Places to Work in IT" list.

Sponsored by Computerworld for the past 15 years, companies who earned "Best 100" honors were ranked by a total of 31,317 employees on their satisfaction with training and development programs, compensation, work/life balance, morale and more. Notables on this year's list include:

* [The Capital Group Companies](#) - This 77-year-old privately held investment company known for exceptional customer service has been a top five finisher the past three years and earned first place honors this year. Read more about their efforts. [Click Here](#)

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O&A's predictions for next year's "100 Best" list.

Based on the "100 Best Places to Work in IT" criteria, we at O&A came up with a list of organizations who are deserving of this recognition but didn't make this year's list. Knowing a good deal about their leadership, work environment, morale and the

* **The MITRE Corporation** - This not-for-profit organization, chartered to work in the public interest, consists of 6,700 scientists, engineers and support specialists - 65 percent of whom have Masters or PH.D. degrees. Mitre has frequented the top 100 list for years and climbed to # 4 this year.

* **Exelon Corporation** - This is one of the nation's largest electric utilities with more than \$15B in revenue, a newcomer to the "Best Places" list and we believe they are here to stay.

* **The Boeing Company** - The world's leading aerospace company and largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners and military aircraft combined, is new to the list. They also happen to be the largest IT organization in the top 100 with 8,431 IT employees.

* **Securian Financial Group Inc.** - This St. Paul, MN-based financial services and insurance company has more than 8 million clients in all 50 States and Puerto Rico. Rising to # 11, Securian provided each IT worker with 13 days of training in 2007, and has made the 100 Best list 13 years in a row.

development opportunities found at the following organizations, don't be surprised to see some of these on next year's list:

**Bayer Corporation
(Pittsburgh, PA)**

**Capital Region
Healthcare
(Concord, NH)**

**CUNA Mutual Group
(Madison, WI)**

**Great Lakes Higher
Education
Corporation
(Madison, WI)**

**NIKE (Beaverton,
OR)**

**Omaha Public
Power District
(Omaha, NE)**

**Portland General
Electric Company
(Portland, OR)**

O&A is proud of its relationships with more than a dozen "Best 100" companies. According to O&A President Dan Roberts, "When you look at the leadership in these organizations and the investments they make in developing their people in both good and bad economic times, it's not surprising to see our clients on this prestigious list. We feel extremely fortunate to partner with these great organizations and to play a small role in their success."

Mr. Chris Loizides, Technical Director of the MITRE Corporation in Bedford, MA was more to the point. "O&A's training has helped us establish customer service as a core Value in our organization and I believe it is a major factor in our recent successes."

Meanwhile, we at O&A congratulate our clients and all those recognized on this year's list. To view Computerworld's complete list of "100 Best Places to Work in IT 2008", [Click Here.](#)

IT (Riverside, CA)

**Oklahoma
Department of
Human Services
(Oklahoma, OK)**

**St. Lukes Health
System LTD (Boise,
ID)**

**UGI Utilities Inc.
(Reading, PA)**