

# 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	<b>Novo Nordisk</b>	<a href="http://www.novonordisk.com">www.novonordisk.com</a>	Biotechnology and pharmaceuticals	47	Don Foster, head of scientific research/Jan Beck, director of research operations
2	<b>PricewaterhouseCoopers</b>	<a href="http://www.pwc.com">www.pwc.com</a>	Business services	340	Matt Kosmicki
3	<b>Verizon Wireless</b>	<a href="http://www.verizonwireless.com">www.verizonwireless.com</a>	Computer and telecommunications software and services	500	Kelley Kurtzman, president, Pacific Northwest
3	<b>Weber Shandwick</b>	<a href="http://www.webershandwick.com">www.webershandwick.com</a>	Public relations	60	Casey Sheldon, president, Northwest, president, Global Technology Practice
5	<b>Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems Corp.</b>	<a href="http://www.astronicsaes.com">www.astronicsaes.com</a>	Aerospace manufacturing	258	Mark Peabody, general manager Washington