

St. Louis Commerce Magazine's 2008 Greater St. Louis Top 50 Award Winners

Ameren Corporation

Ameren Corporation is the parent company of AmerenUE, Missouri's largest electric utility and one of the regions largest employers. AmerenUE is an engine for growth, providing reliable, low-cost electricity, strong customer service and a tradition of outstanding support both for the communities the company serves and for environmental stewardship. One of Missouri's largest taxpayers. Ameren/AmerenUE paid approximately \$240 million in state and local taxes in 2007. Ameren also sponsors the region's largest nongovernmental energy assistance program.

Ameristar Casino Resort

Ameristar Casino Resort Spa is one of the top entertainment destinations in the Greater St. Louis Area, registering 8.9 million visitors during the Missouri Gaming Commission fiscal year of July 2007 – June 2008. Also during this period, a total of almost \$77 million in state, county and city taxes was contributed by Ameristar. Since 2006, Ameristar has invested \$265 million in expansion projects, which created almost 100 new jobs at the St. Charles venue as well as 400 union construction jobs during the construction of the facility.

Arcturis

Despite a difficult economic climate, Arcturis has flourished and increased its staff and revenue by more than 25 percent this past year. In 2008, Arcturis ranked as the regions largest interior design firm and the 20th largest architectural firm in the St. Louis Business Journal Book of Lists.

BJC HealthCare

BJC is a national leader recognized by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for efforts to improve patient safety and health care quality in hospitals across the county. JBC's academic medical centers, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, and St. Louis Children's Hospital are ranked among the most highly regarded teaching hospitals in the nation year after year and recognized by publications such as U.S. News & World Report and Child Magazine. Both hospitals are affiliated with Washington University School of Medicine.

Bryan Cave

Bryan Cave has a diversified national and international practice and is a leader among corporate, transactional and litigation law firms. Voted by legal peers as the No. 1 law firm in the state, and ranked as the No. 1 law firm for women and minorities by the Missouri Lawyers Weekly "Missouri's Best" poll, Bryan Cave has remained committed to the growth and success of St. Louis since 1873. In addition, Bryan Cave's commitment to St. Louis extends beyond business as the firm and its employees invest in numerous civic groups, helping to make St. Louis a great place to call home.

Charter Communications

Charter was named one of the "Best Places to Work" by the St. Louis Business Journal. Charter was named "Operator of the Year" by an industry publication. Charter has invested over a billion dollars in capital to serve its customers and to enhance its service capabilities, including millions in the St. Louis area. Charter is committed to investing in its communities, providing an advanced network on which residential and commercial customers rely for their communication needs.

Express Scripts

Express Scripts ranks among the nation's top three pharmacy benefit managers. Since relocating its headquarters to the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Express Scripts has worked closely with the university to build a flourishing collaborative

relationship. In early 2009, the company will occupy a second building on the campus. In 2008, Express Scripts was named one of Forbes' 75 Most Reputable Companies in the U.S.

Lawrence Group

Lawrence Group has committed itself to the region by locating its headquarters and growing its business in the historic downtown business district, and by making sizeable investments in its future here. The firm has created four more related professional service businesses headquartered in a single block downtown. Its merger in January 2008 with St. Louis landscape architecture firm Austin Tao & Associates, not only expanded its international reach and visibility in China, but St. Louis' as well. Lawrence Group is one of the top regional organizations creating sustainable environments through design and business practices.

Maritz

The Maritz performance culture offers several training and development courses for its employees to continue to grow both professionally and personally. Maritz currently employs more than 2,000 people in the community and continues to recruit locally. Maritz contributes 2.1 percent of its pre-tax earnings to charitable causes in the St. Louis area, higher than the national average of 1.16 percent as reported by the Conference Board.

Maritz' approach combines excellent execution with strategic planning through leadership that only comes from understanding people and their behavior.

Monsanto

Monsanto's leadership and accomplishments strengthen the region's reputation as a world-class center for plant and life sciences, creating business opportunities and more than 15,000 jobs. The company donated \$50 million to create the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center and constructed the \$10 million Nidus Center for Scientific Enterprise, among other endeavors. Monsanto invests 10 percent of its sales, or about \$2.5 million a day, in research and development.

Murphy Company

Murphy is the nation's 14th largest mechanical specialty contractor (ENR-2007) and the largest mechanical contractor in the metropolitan St. Louis area. The economic impact directly generated by Murphy exceeds \$120 million annually in terms of job creation, compensation, material, equipment and subcontractor expenditures. In addition, Murphy Company's deep commitment to corporate citizenship is expressed through its active participation and support of many civic, charitable and non-profit ventures locally.

Nestle' Purina

Nestle' Purina's success is a testament to the company's commitment to manufacturing high-quality, nutritious products that meet the needs of consumers and pets alike. In addition, the company is dedicated to constantly seeking innovation in the pet care industry such as Beneful Prepared Meals brand dog food. The company presently employs more than 2,000 St. Louis area residents.

Pfizer

Since acquiring Pharmacia in 2003, Pfizer has become the world's leading research-based pharmaceutical company with a research and development budget of nearly \$8 billion in 2007. Pfizer Global Research and Development's St. Louis laboratories is now one of the company's four major drug candidate-producing sites. The firm is nearing completion of a nearly \$200 million research building.

St. Louis Community College

St. Louis Community College consistently ranks among the nation's top 15 associate degree-producing institutions. Each year, more than 100,000 students are served through credit courses, continuing education and workforce development programs. STLCC is a founding and active member of the League for Innovation in the Community College, and the Missouri Biotechnology Association. The Wildwood campus was the first community college of its size in the country to receive LEED gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

SAVVIS

The company rebounded from financial trouble in 2001 through 2005 to be named a recommended stock of Wall Street analysts in 2006. In 2008, SAVVIS successfully defended its position in the "Leaders Quadrant" in Gartner Inc.'s Magic Quadrant for North American Web Hosting 2008 report.

Scottrade

Scottrade has been part of the St. Louis community for nearly three decades and is continually increasing job opportunities, expanding its branch office network and headquarters, and supporting organizations through partnerships and sponsorships. This year, Scottrade was selected No. 58 on Fortune's list of the 100 best places to work in IT. Scottrade sponsors local non-profit organizations and maintains a partnership with the St. Louis Blues that includes naming rights to the Scottrade Center.

Members in the News!

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

For the third straight year, Enterprise Rent-A-Car has been named one of the best companies for entry-level employees to launch their careers, according to BusinessWeek's annual ranking. Since BusinessWeek started the ranking in 2006, Enterprise is the only St. Louis based company to make the list all three years and the only rental car company ever to earn a spot. Enterprise ranked No. 26 out of the top 100 companies.

Anheuser-Busch

Anheuser-Busch, has been named one of the best companies for entry-level employees to launch their careers, according to BusinessWeek's annual ranking. Anheuser-Busch, was ranked No. 19th out of the top 100 companies.