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FCCI Insurance Group Makes Top 100 Best Companies List – and is the Only Florida-Headquartered Company in Top Ten

Ranked at #7, FCCI has made the top ten of Florida's Best Companies to Work For list for the last six years. FCCI is the only company in the top ten that is headquartered in Florida.

SARASOTA, Fla. – July 28, 2014 – Sarasota-based FCCI Insurance Group (FCCI) was recently named one of Florida's Best Companies To Work For. Still headquartered in Sarasota where it was originally founded in 1959, FCCI is the only Florida-domiciled company in the top ten of the Best Large Companies category.



The annual Best Companies list appears in the August issue of *Florida Trend* magazine. One-hundred companies are ranked in small, medium and large employer categories. Ranked #7 for 2014,

FCCI has been in the top ten of the large companies categories for six consecutive years – each year the list has been published.

"This acknowledgement is very meaningful for us," says Lisa Krouse, FCCI executive vice president, Chief HR Officer, "because the employee satisfaction survey is such a big part of the ranking. We believe our employees are exceptional and they provide the service that FCCI is known for, so we want to make sure we provide them with excellent work environments, outstanding benefits and recognition programs that highlight their contributions to our overall success."

FCCI was also named a Platinum-Level Fit-Friendly Worksite by the American Heart Association in July 2014.

The Best Companies To Work For In Florida program was created by *Florida Trend* and Best Companies Group and is endorsed by the HR Florida State Council. "Our Best Companies To Work For coverage always seeks to offer lessons for companies that

aspire to create a Best-Company workplace," says Mark Howard, executive editor of *Florida Trend*.

To participate, companies or government entities had to employ at least 15 workers in Florida and have been in operation at least one year. Companies that chose to participate underwent an evaluation of their workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics. The process also included a survey to measure employee satisfaction. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final ranking. Best Companies Group managed the registration, survey and analysis and determined the final rankings.

"The top companies seek high energy employees who vigorously accept the organization's core values," says *Florida Trend* Publisher Andy Corty. "The companies that attract these great employees are the same companies that show growth even in a challenging business environment. It's our pleasure to recognize them and encourage others to build Florida's competitive advantage."

For a list of the 100 Best Companies To Work For In Florida, go to <u>www.FloridaTrend.com/BestCompanies</u>.

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About FCCI

Working through independent agents in 18 states, FCCI provides commercial property and casualty insurance to more than 18,000 policyholders and commercial and contract surety to more than 10,000 bonded principals. Established in 1959 and rated A (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company, FCCI is headquartered in Sarasota, Fla., and has regional offices in Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Mississippi and Texas. For more information, please contact 800-226-3224 or visit www.fcci-group.com.

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