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2 firms win honors

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The Studer Group and Landrum Human Resources Companies again have been named to a prestigious national list of “Best Small & Medium Companies to Work for in America.”

Studer Group, a health care consulting business base in Gulf Breeze, and human resource provider Landrum in Pensacola, made the top-25 Best Small Companies list, compiled by The Great Place to Work Institute Inc. and the Society for Human Resource Management.

In its second year on the list, Studer Group jumped from a 23rd ranking to 11th place. Landrum, on the list for five consecutive years, was 10th last year and 18th this year.

Pensacola is the only city in Florida to have two local companies on the list.

The results were based on employees’ responses to a detailed questionnaire about the organizations’ workplace culture, including credibility, respect, fairness, pride and camaraderie.

Studer operations leader Debbie Ritchie and Landrum’s Britt Landrum III were in New Orleans on Monday, accepting the awards for their respective companies.

“I think this award is a true reflection of the high level of satisfaction and engagement of our employees,” Ritchie said.

Studer employee Jackie Neese said Studer Group’s recipe for success is a combination of hard work, commitment to purpose and personal growth.

“You know what they say, ‘Do what you love and love what you’re doing and you’ll never work another day in your life,’ Neese said. “At Studer Group we feel like we do make a difference in organizations across the country.

“Working toward that common goal is a good thing that gets you out of bed in the morning,” she said. “And we feel very fortunate to be a part of this culture.”

Studer Group founder and CEO Quint Studer was in Chicago for a national conference and unavailable for comment, Ritchie said.

Landrum President and CEO Britt Landrum Jr. said the company’s continued recognition as an outstanding place to work is the dividend of a business philosophy he adopted years ago.

“When I started this company nearly 40 years ago, I had a hunch that happy employees would be a key to long-term success,” Landrum said. “And that certainly proved to be true. I could not be happier for our employees to receive this recognition five years in a row.”

Landrum chief operating officer Ted Kirchharr said the company’s employees “deserve the credit for creating and maintaining an environment that makes Landrum a great place to work.”

Additional Facts

About the companies

Studer Group

What it does:

Gulf Breeze-based Studer Group is a health care consulting firm devoted to helping organizations and health care providers improve service and maintain operational excellence.

The company focuses on areas of higher employee retention, greater patient and customer satisfaction, healthy financials and growing market share.

Founded by Quint Studer in 1999, the Studer Group has worked with hundreds of health care systems, hospitals, and medical groups since the firm's inception.

In addition to the U.S. the Studer Group currently is operating in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Number of employees: 152.

Web site: www.studergroup.com.

Landrum Human Resource Companies

What it does:

With offices in Pensacola and Jacksonville, Landrum Human Resources Companies, Inc. provides temporary employment and human resource services to businesses and organizations throughout the southeastern United States.

Its divisions include Landrum Staffing, Landrum Consulting and Landrum Professional. Landrum Companies provide services to over 1,000 clients and 10,000 employees.

Number of employees: 123.

Web site: www.landrumstaffing.com.
