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Medtronic, Paragon, Bioworks MBJ's best places to work

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The Memphis Business Journal announced winners in its Best Places to Work awards ceremony Friday during a luncheon at the University of Memphis Holiday Inn.

Memphis Bioworks Foundation took top honors in the small company category, for company with fewer than 51 employees.

Other finalists included Archimania, Carpenter Sullivan Sossaman, Commercial Advisors, LifeWings Partners and Triumph Bank.

In the 51-150 employees category, Paragon National Bank, a relative newcomer to Memphis, won first place.

GTx Inc. (NASDAQ: GTXI), Hnedak Bobo Group, Lipscomb & Pitts Insurance, Pickering Inc. and Thompson Dunavant were the other finalists in the category.

Medtronic Spinal & Biologics, the Memphis division of Medtronic Inc. (NYSE: MDT), was named the best workplace with more than 150 employees.

In that category, BancorpSouth (NYSE: BXS), Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, Mid-America Apartment Communities (NYSE: MAA), O.R. Nurses Inc. and YMCA were finalists.

Finalists and winners of the 2006 Best Places to Work awards were determined based on employee nominations, questionnaires and results tallied by national research firm Quantum Market Research.

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