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FONA Named #5 Small/Medium Best Workplace in Chicago by *Fortune* magazine and Great Place to Work



Geneva, IL, May 21, 2020 – FONA International, family-owned creator and manufacturer of complete flavor solutions, was named the #5 Small/Medium Workplace in Chicago by Fortune magazine and consulting firm Great Place to Work. FONA is the only food related company to make the list as well as being one of only two manufacturers on the list. This is the fourth consecutive year that FONA has been named on the list. View the full list of rankings [here](#).

“We’re thrilled to be named the #5 top workplace in Chicago. FONA continuously works to instill a culture built on trust, camaraderie and personal growth especially in these challenging times, and this honor truly reflects that.” said Lindsey Clark, Benefits Manager. “We’re so excited!”

FONA received the honor based on employees’ anonymous responses to an extensive survey about their levels of trust, pride and camaraderie at work. The independent review shows that 97% of FONA employees say the company is a great place to work compared to 59% of employees at a typical U.S.-based company. In addition, 96% of FONA employees said that FONA provides special and unique benefits and 97% say when you join the company, you are made to feel welcome. The full review is available [here](#).

“Best workplaces like FONA have built powerful foundations of trust and human connection to help carry their organizations through stressful and uncertain times,” said Michael C. Bush, CEO of Great Place to Work. “This gives companies on this list a powerful opportunity not just to do well for their people, but to do well for their businesses and for Chicago.”

Great Place to Work rankings are based on data-driven methodology from survey responses from feedback from over 27,000 employees at Great Place to Work–Certified organizations in the Chicago area. An anonymous Trust Index™ survey assessed the extent to which employees trust leaders, the respect with which people are treated, workplace fairness, workplace camaraderie and more.

This recognition follows FONA’s ranking as a National Best and Brightest Company to work for and National Best and Brightest in Wellness. FONA was also recently named one of Fortune magazine and Great Place to Work’s 100 best workplaces in the nation and the #2 medium-sized workplace in the nation for manufacturing and production. In addition, FONA was recently honored with Chicago’s Best & Brightest Elite Award for Compensation, Benefits & Employee Solutions for the 14th consecutive year.

ABOUT FONA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Founded more than 30 years ago, FONA International creates and produces flavors for many of the largest food, beverage, and nutritional companies in the world. It offers flavor solutions for the confection, grain, beverage, performance nutrition, OTC and emerging markets from its state-of-the-art, 33-acre campus in Geneva, IL. FONA’s seven core values drive it to pursue excellence and foster incredible partnerships. More than just great flavors — FONA provides exceptional service and complete market solutions.

ABOUT GREAT PLACE TO WORK

Great Place to Work® is the global authority on workplace culture. They help organizations quantify their culture and produce better business results by creating a high-trust work experience for all employees. Emprising®, their culture management platform, empowers leaders with the surveys, real-time reporting, and insights they need to make data-driven people decisions. They use their unparalleled benchmark data to recognize Great Place to Work-Certified™ companies and the Best Workplaces™ in the US and more than 60 countries, including the 100 Best Companies to Work For® list published annually in Fortune.