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Forbes ranks VA as one of the best employers in 17 states

WASHINGTON — Forbes has named the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) one of America's best employers in 17 states in its [second annual survey](#) of America's best employers by state.

According to the survey, VA is a top-ranked employer in 17 states: Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah and West Virginia.

VA was ranked as a top 10 employer in five of those states: Iowa, Kentucky, Montana, Rhode Island and South Dakota.

"These survey results are the latest proof that we are turning this department around," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "Listening to our employees helps us deliver better customer service to Veterans, but it also makes for happier, more motivated staff members."

Forbes' findings underscore similar ones over the last two years from the Partnership for Public Service that show VA has boosted its rating from 17th to 6th among large federal agencies in its annual "best places to work" survey of federal employees.

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