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Persone has favorite companies to do business with, whether it's an employee benefit firm that goes the extra mile for its customers or the conference facility that makes you look like a star, even when your budget is less than stellar.

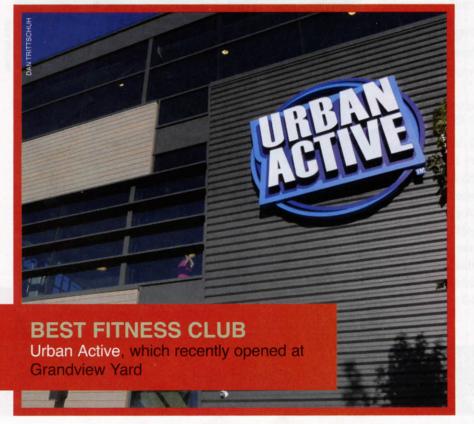
For the third year, *Columbus C.E.O.* asked our readers about the things that make Central Ohio's business scene great. We want to know where the best business services and products are located. Where are the best continuing education offerings? What are the best local law firms? Who gives the best financial advice? And where's the best place to buy insurance?

There are fun questions, too, including a search for the best networking organization. What's the best bar for an after-work drink? And where are the best places to schedule a power lunch or impress a prospective client?

This year, we ditched paper ballots and took the poll online-only. Starting with the May issue, we sent readers to our website, asking for opinions in 70 business categories. We tallied the results and are bringing them to you here.







# BEST Accounting Firm (more than 20 CPAs)

**GBQ Partners** bested two-time champ KPMG.

# BEST Accounting Firm (less than 20 CPAs)

Hilliard-based Susan E. Thomas CPA, Ltd., which serves both individual and business clients, came out on top.

# **BEST Ad Agency**

**SBC Advertising**, whose clients range from AAA to Worthington Industries, claimed its second consecutive victory.

## **BEST Airline**

For the third year, **Southwest Airlines** flew high above the competition. Maybe it's those free checked bags.

## **BEST Architectural Firm**

Miller/Watson Architects, whose portfolio includes educational, commercial, health-care and retail projects, drew the most votes.