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## **Watco Ranks as One of America's Best Mid-Size Employers by Forbes**

**PITTSBURG, Kansas (Feb. 11, 2021)** — Watco has been named on Forbes 2021 list of America's Best Mid-Size Employers — the only transportation and supply chain services company to be awarded this distinction.

Watco made the Forbes list of top mid-sized companies by scoring positively based on Watco team members' input on work-related topics such as working conditions, salary, potential for development, and company image.

"I'm incredibly proud of our team for creating a culture that looks out for each other while delivering safe and exceptional service to our customers," said Dan Smith, Watco's Chief Executive Officer. "This recognition highlights the importance of building relationships, and reminds us how we got to where we are today."

Watco owns and operates a diverse network of short line railroads, terminals, ports, and mechanical shops. Our strong culture reflects the importance we place on customers, team members, and safety.

"Every day we have people throughout this company show up wanting to positively impact others, from serving a Watco customer to helping fellow teammates," said Rachael Peterson, Watco's Executive Vice President and Chief People Officer. "Being recognized as a top employer is a reflection of the players we have on the Watco team. Our team should be incredibly proud of the environment and culture they have created."

Forbes partnered with Statista, a market research firm, to compile a list of the top 500 large and mid-sized employers. Statista surveyed 50,000 Americans working for businesses with at least 1,000 employees. Participants were asked to rate their willingness to recommend their own employers to friends and family, and to nominate organizations other than their own. The final list ranks the employers that received the most recommendations. Participants also evaluated other employers in their respective industries that stood out either positively or negatively. More information about the award can be found [here](#).

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### **About Watco**

Watco Companies, LLC, is a leading transportation service and logistics company. Meeting customer needs on a day-to-day basis has enabled Watco to continually grow throughout our nearly 40-year history. Today, Watco provides transportation; material handling and warehousing; design and development; repair and custom projects for customers throughout North America and Australia. For more information, visit [watco.com](http://watco.com).

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