

## DENTSPLY JUST MISSES INCLUSION ON THE 2006 FORTUNE LIST



As you know DENTSPLY was invited to compete for inclusion in the 2006 FORTUNE list for the “100 Best Companies to Work for®” . While we have received the disappointing news that we were not selected for the final list, we are nonetheless very pleased to have been part of this process.

Over 1000 companies went through the initial nomination process. Out of that number, 466 companies were accepted as candidates and invited to apply, including Dentsply. According to the Best Companies team, “Every year selecting the companies for this list gets more challenging.” For this year there were 110 more companies that made the initial cut over last year.

Of the 100 winners selected, 35 were considered mid-size companies, like Dentsply. These were a mix of publically traded, private and family-owned companies and represented a mix of industries. Of the companies selected, Dentsply has many of the same or similar employee and benefits programs.

Still, there are several companies that truly have something unique that fits within their culture.

Our real opportunity is to take a look at our own results. And, I am very excited about this. Over 400 of you had the opportunity to participate in the employee survey which was a key indicator for selection. We had a great response rate on this survey, exceeding the Best Team Companies requirement. Next month I should receive the collective results of the survey. I will be reviewing these results and incorporating them into this year’s ESOP presentation. I think it will be of interest to us all to know what were the areas of high satisfaction and what are some of the collective concerns across our U.S. divisions.

For those of you that participated in the process, thank you.

For those of you who look to make Dentsply a better company each and every day, thank you.

We know our associates are critical to Dentsply’s success. We wouldn’t be successful if that were not the case. And, that is why one of our four strategic objectives for the company is all about attracting, developing and retaining highly talented associates.

Thank you again for all your efforts.

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