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AARP: FCCI INSURANCE GROUP NAMED A 2009 BEST EMPLOYER FOR WORKERS OVER 50

*Applications Set Record For 9 Year Old Program; New Hospital-Health Care Honor
Established*

Washington, DC – FCCI Insurance Group (FCCI), based in Sarasota, Fla., has been named by AARP to its 2009 list of Best Employers for Workers 50 and Over.

FCCI joins an impressive list of (50 if on general list; 15 if on the Hospitals-health care List) honorees announced today by AARP CEO Barry Rand.

More than 200 employers applied for Best Employers honors, the highest total in the nine year history of the program designed to highlight exemplary policies toward aged 50 and over workers.

“We are delighted that FCCI has been selected,” said AARP Kathy Marma, Associate State Director, “FCCI has offered a number of progressive policies in its approach toward older workers,” she added.

A separate hospitals and health care Best Employers honor roll was established by AARP for the first time this year. AARP decided to set up a separate category in order to acknowledge efforts in the health care field to creatively deal with shortages in qualified workers that have faced the health care industry for years.

Any U.S.-based employer with at least 50 employees is eligible to apply for the Best Employers award. Candidates are vetted to ensure that practices meet the needs of mature workers. Key areas of consideration include: recruiting practices, opportunities for training, education and career development; workplace accommodations; alternative work options, such as flexible scheduling, job sharing, and phased retirement; employee health and retirement benefits and retiree work opportunities

AARP The Magazine will feature the 2009 Best Employers in its November-December issue, available in homes September 24. The article will be found online at www.aarpmagazine.org

For more information on the 2009 Best Employers, please go to www.aarp.org/bestemployers Included is background on each employer’s workforce practices and a description of the selection process.