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QPS Surveys Local Companies on Maintaining Employee Morale and Which Benefits will be Restored First

Brookfield, Wis. (June 24, 2009) – QPS Companies, a local staffing and recruiting firm, surveyed over 300 manufacturers, banks, printers, distributors and information technology firms throughout Wisconsin and Illinois as part of its employment forecasting survey.

About the Survey:

The QPS survey, conducted in May of 2009, is an indicator of local employers' expectations of the employment climate. The average company size reported was 91 employees.

What is your company doing to maintain morale?

- Communication/Meetings- 65 percent
- Leadership Visibility- 35 percent
- Flexible Scheduling- 33 percent
- Recognition- 29 percent
- Casual Days- 16 percent

The major motivational methods local companies are using to maintain morale have one common factor- they are non-monetary. Other methods mentioned were lunches, group outings, tickets to sporting/community events and seminars or training opportunities.

What recently cut benefit will your company restore first?

1. Work Week
2. Wages
3. Staff
4. Benefits
5. 401(k)
6. Bonuses

Is your company shutting down for more than one day during holiday weeks?

- 4th of July week- 33 percent said yes
- Labor Day- 22 percent said yes

The survey found that an average of 27 percent of companies plan to shut down for longer than normal during the holiday weeks. Companies also wrote in that they expect to shut down for a week here or there in the summer, and some even anticipate multiple full week shut downs.

"Local companies are continuing to weather this downturn," according to Dan McNulty, Executive Vice President and COO. "Companies are trying to reward employees without hurting their bottom line, as evident from the cost-effective ways they are maintaining morale. It seems that businesses are taking a 'back-to-basics' approach while the recession continues."



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