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Ken Jarosch
at Jarosch
Bakery in Elk
Grove Village.

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■ **COFFEE: STEVE KNOWLES, CEO OF EN ENGINEERING LLC, WARRENVILLE**

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Best Places to Work in IL 2017

A workplace analysis and competition

No. 1 Small Company

19-99 Employees



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100-499 Employees



No. 1 Large Company

500-plus Employees



INSIDE: A complete list and details of our 2017 Best Places to Work in Illinois companies

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11	MUELLER 1707 N. Randall Road, Suite 200, Elgin, IL, 60123 847-888-8600 • www.muellercpa.com	David J. Nissen managing partner	83	accounting
12	MERIT SOLUTIONS INC. 1749 S. Naperville Road, Suite 200, Wheaton, IL, 60189 630-614-7133 • www.meritsolutions.com	Bill Burke CEO	40	consulting
13	RESOURCE BROKERAGE 1501 E. Woodfield Road, Suite 110E, Schaumburg, IL, 60173 847-598-0025 • www.resourcebrokerage.com	Blair Farwell president	25	healthcare - insurance/services
14	KRD-KUTCHINS, ROBBINS & DIAMOND, LTD. 1101 Perimeter Drive, Suite 760, Schaumburg, IL, 60173 847-240-1040 • www.krdcpas.com	Allen Kutchins partner	58	accounting
15	COMMERCIAL PACKAGING 1 Paper Chase St., Normal, IL, 61761 309-862-0144 • www.commercialpackaging.com	Janette Egbers CEO/chairwoman/owner	48	distribution
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#6: synergy builders

Synergy Builders, West Chicago

Synergy Builders is multi award-winning design-build home remodeling team servicing the Chicago land area for over 15 years.

Each year Synergy is able to provide help to hundreds of families with their kitchens, bathrooms, additions, lower levels, and exteriors since 2002. Tearing apart your home is a huge undertaking, and often home owners will only tackle a project once or twice in their lifetime. Synergy's goal is to make that process as stress free as possible with quality services and products that are surprisingly affordable.

Our professional designers have the experience and technology to create a space providing expert ideas unique to you based on your lifestyle and sense of style.

Our knowledgeable project managers and talented craftsmen then construct your remodel, bringing the

design to life. To make the process a bit easier, a set schedule is provided with customizable levels of communication before beginning construction- so you will always be aware of what and when things are happening. Synergy on your project to help guide you through also provides a

3-year warranty for all craftsmanship anything that may come up in the future.

Q: How does being a great place to work translate into your company's success?

A: Being a great place to work requires more than just the company

itself. There are obviously many factors that go into making a company successful, but we believe it begins with the people. The environment of your employees directly translates into what they are willing to provide for your clients. Happy employees create happy clients. Happy clients often come back, refer others, or write reviews. It's a cycle of passions, values, and appreciations that make success all beginning with the culture and environment your company is providing.

Synergy is a great place to work for many reasons some of which include, clear expectations, understanding visions, possessing the ability to ultimately control your own personal success, plenty of room for growth, fun social activities, and a professional yet relaxed atmosphere. Our employees all "fit" within the culture created to maintain success, and if there are ever suggestions people are listened to.

Synergy Builders

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Industry: Home remodeling

Top local official: John Habermeier, CEO

Number of Employees: 24



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