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Houston's coolest offices

The Bayou City is full of cool, innovative spaces, and Houston Business Journal has the photos to prove it.

HBJ asked readers to submit photos of their workspaces and tell us why they're so cool. Around 30 companies submitted their offices, and we were pretty blown away by the photos.

Although it did not begin as a "contest," we were so impressed with the responses that we decided to let our Facebook fans weigh in on which office is the coolest.

In September, we posted one photo of each office to Facebook and asked our fans to "like" their favorite. We kept the companies a secret to encourage "likes" based on the merits of the photo, not just on company allegiance.

GSD Construction and Southern Green Builders' conference room received the most likes, with 156, followed by 002houston Magazine's office overview, with 117 likes, as of Oct. 6.

HBJ will celebrate more cool workplaces later this month with the Best Places to Work awards. The honorees have been revealed in alphabetical order, and their rankings will be revealed at the awards event Oct. 15 at the Hilton Americas Hotel. Click here to register.

We'll also celebrate the 2014 Best Places to Work in a special publication in the Oct. 17 weekly edition. Click here to subscribe.

Check out the 2013 Best Places to Work rankings here, and see photos from last year's event here.



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MetroNational

"The Treehouse is home to all of Memorial City's development activities, including master planning, architecture, construction and interior design. ... The Treehouse serves as an office and meeting space, as well as a showroom for current and future Memorial City projects, demonstrating Memorial City's latest design concepts for prospective tenants and the community at large. Additionally, the second level of the space includes an interactive wall, showcasing the history of Memorial City and MetroNational, providing guests with insight into the transformation of the thriving area," according to a statement from MetroNational. Designed by Acumen Design and Studio Red Architects



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Green elements in The Treehouse include a geothermal cooling and heating system, daylight harvesting lights that automatically adjust in response to changing levels of natural light, and a green roof with solar panels, rainwater collection, wind turbine and a rooftop garden.