



For more information, contact:
Vaughn X. Anthony
214-392-8150
vanthony@imperialcrs.com

Imperial Named One of the ‘2025 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For in the Nation,’ Marking Its Second Consecutive National Honor

Grand Rapids, Michigan, Jan. 20, 2026 – Imperial Clinical Research Services, through its parent company 5THGEN, has been named one of the 2025 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For in the Nation by the National Association for Business Resources (NABR), marking the second consecutive year the company has earned this national recognition. This award highlights organizations that demonstrate exceptional business acumen and forward-thinking human resources practices across key markets. Nationalbiz.org

“Our teams continue to earn recognition like this through their commitment to one another,” said Shawn McCreery, human resources manager for 5THGEN. “Every day, our people work to create an environment where colleagues feel supported and empowered to deliver exceptional results for our clients.”

“We’re proud to receive this honor once again,” said Brandon Bissell, president of 5THGEN. “Our ongoing focus on our culture is always a key priority, and this acknowledgment from the NABR reinforces the impact of that work.”

The winning companies were evaluated by an independent research firm across several key areas that reflect a strong, people-focused workplace. Scoring categories included:

- Compensation, benefits, and overall employee support
- Well-being and creative wellness initiatives
- Engagement, retention, and opportunities for growth
- Education, development, and recognition programs
- Recruitment and talent selection practices
- Communication, shared vision, and inclusive culture
- Work-life blend and civility in the workplace
- Leadership strength, strategy, and organizational performance

Jennifer Kluge, President and CEO of NABR and the Best & Brightest Programs, said, “These companies have excelled by prioritizing their workplace culture. By putting their employees first, this exceptional group of top-tier leaders has created a strong foundation that sets them apart as leaders in their industries and communities.”

###



About Imperial

Imperial Clinical Research Services, based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, provides first-in-class support for the clinical trial industry through ancillary trial supplies and equipment management, creating branding and research protocol-based content and design for study and site materials, print and digital production, translation services, and patient engagement. Imperial is owned by 5THGEN, a closely held investment group with a family history of five generations in business. [Contact us](#) for more information on how we can help with your clinical trial.