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IGAF WORLDWIDE MAKES IMPRESSIVE SHOWING IN 2008 INSIDE PUBLIC ACCOUNTING AWARDS

ATLANTA, GEORGIA — October 10, 2008 — IGAF Worldwide is proud to announce that our association is home to an impressive number of *INSIDE Public Accounting* (IPA) award winners in 2008.

IPA 100, BEST OF THE BEST, and All-Star firms are selected from hundreds of firms participating in *INSIDE Public Accounting's* 18-year-old *Annual Analysis of Firms*. IPA 100 firms are selected based on net revenue and represent the 100 largest firms in the USA. BEST OF THE BEST winners are based on nearly 30 performance-related criteria that serve as indicators of great accounting firm management. IPA All-Stars are selected based exclusively on their performance in specific areas of practice management. IGAF Worldwide members honored by IPA in 2008 include the following:

- » Berkowitz Dick Pollack & Brant LLP – Miami, FL, USA (IPA 100 and IPA All-Star)
- » Boulay Heutmaker Zibell & Co. PLLP – Minneapolis, MN, USA (IPA All-Star)
- » Hein & Associates – Denver, CO, USA (BEST OF THE BEST, IPA 100 and IPA All-Star)
- » McKonly & Asbury – Harrisburg, PA, USA (IPA All-Star)
- » Petrinovich Pugh & Co. – San Jose, CA, USA (IPA All-Star)
- » Reznick Group – Bethesda, MD, USA (BEST OF THE BEST, IPA 100, and IPA All-Star)
- » Schneider Downs & Co. – Pittsburgh, PA, USA (IPA 100)
- » SingerLewak – Los Angeles, CA, USA (IPA 100 and IPA All-Star)
- » SMART Business Advisory & Consulting – Devon, PA, USA (IPA 100 and IPA All-Star)
- » Watkins Meegan Drury & Co. – Bethesda, MD, USA (IPA 100)

In addition, Reznick Group Managing Principal Kenneth E. Baggett was named one of the “Top Five Most Admired Peers” in the profession. IGAF Worldwide is very proud to have a person of such distinction serving currently as Chairman of the IGAF Worldwide World Board of Directors and Immediate Past Chairman of the IGAF Worldwide North American Board of Directors.

Overall, IGAF Worldwide prides itself on the high quality of its member firms and the superior information sharing opportunities they access through the association. The fact that IGAF Worldwide is home to so many IPA award winners showcases the elite level at which IGAF Worldwide member firms operate and share strategies for improving operations.

“Our objective is to provide superior benchmarking, education, and information sharing to our independent member firms, with the result that IGAF Worldwide members are regularly numbered among the great accounting firms around the globe,” said Kevin Mead, Executive Director, IGAF Worldwide. “It is gratifying to see IGAF Worldwide member firms recognized for their business excellence, and we are pleased to be the



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choice for firms of distinction across the USA and the world. IGAF Worldwide looks forward to continuing its pattern of quality and excellence in the year to come.”

IGAF Worldwide is the strongest accounting association in the world, comprised of over 150 highly successful independent public accounting firms in 61 countries. Founded in 1977, IGAF Worldwide provides member firms with tools and resources to help them furnish superior accounting, auditing, and management services to clients around the globe. Through IGAF Worldwide, member firms offer the strength and capabilities of a large, worldwide organization with technical depth and geographic reach impossible for a local firm alone.

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