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HOWARD, WERSHBALE & CO. PARTNERS WITH LONG-O'SHEA & CO.

Long-Time Cleveland Accounting Firms Join Forces

CLEVELAND, OHIO – January 2009 – Cleveland based accounting firm Long-O'Shea & Co., LLC (Long-O'Shea) has combined its practice with the Cleveland office of **Howard, Wershbale & Co.** (HWCO) effective January 1, 2009.

"Long-O'Shea's Principals have an outstanding 50-year history of serving the Cleveland business community, including the Health Care and Not-for-Profit industries", says Stephen E. Stanisa, President and CEO of HWCO. "The Principals of HWCO are excited with the quality and talent this combination will bring the Firms' strategic growth strategy", Stanisa added.

Donald Long, CPA and Jean O'Shea, CPA, founding partners of Long-O'Shea, will be joining HWCO along with other staff members.

About Howard, Wershbale & Co.

Howard, Wershbale & Co. is a certified public accounting and consulting firm, and is among Ohio's largest CPA firms with locations in Cleveland and Columbus, providing a broad range of accounting, consulting and tax services to a variety of industries and clients located throughout the United States. Howard, Wershbale & Co. is an independent member of the International Group of Accounting Firms (IGAF Worldwide). For more information, visit us online at www.hwco.com.

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