



Release: November 3, 2010

WHALEN NAMED AMONG BEST PLACES TO WORK IN CENTRAL OHIO

Whalen & Company has been named one of the top places to work in central Ohio in 2010. *Columbus Business First* selected the firm and 34 other area businesses for its sixth annual Best Places to Work award program.

The program highlights area companies whose operations are changing the business landscape and are doing their best to foster a great workplace.

The firm and other award recipients, including clients Quantum Health Inc. and the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT), will be honored at a luncheon on November 10 and included in a special newspaper supplement on November 12. The honorees are grouped in categories, based on the number of their fulltime employees.

To be eligible for the award, companies that are nominated provided information about the organization, including their employee-benefit programs. Employees were then asked to complete an online survey administered by Quantum Market Research, an independent market research company.

The survey of approximately 30 questions asked employees to evaluate their employers on a variety of factors, including team effectiveness, people practices, work environment, trust in senior leaders and feeling valued. The results of this survey were used to determine the award recipients and company rankings among the honorees.

Whalen Partner Laura Wojciechowski said the partners and staff are delighted to be among the group of leading businesses selected for this honor. She believes the award reflects the quality of people employed by the firm.

"Our staff members are focused on meeting the needs of clients and they are dedicated to the Whalen team," she said. "Their conscientious and caring attitude makes our firm a great place to work."

"We strive to give quality expertise and service to our clients and to our colleagues," Wojciechowski adds. "We work hard, but we also have fun together and take care of each other."

About Whalen & Company

Whalen & Company, CPAs and Consultants is a full-service CPA firm in Columbus, Ohio (suburban Worthington), providing tax advice for individuals and tax planning, accounting, audit, valuation and business consulting services for middle-market business clients. The firm's staff members have both technical skills and industry-specific knowledge that enable us to focus on the success of our clients. Our expertise includes restaurants and other hospitality businesses, manufacturing, education and other nonprofit organizations, retail and distribution, real estate, and nursing homes and other health-related businesses.