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Southern California CPA Firm Receives National and Local Awards

Santa Monica-based Certified Public Accounting Firm, Holthouse Carlin & Van Trigt LLP ("HCVT"), recently received top awards on both a local and national level. For an unprecedented third year in a row, HCVT received a "Best of the Best" award ranking them as one of the Top 25 "Best Managed CPA Firms" in the United States by *INSIDE Public Accounting (IPA)*, a national trade publication. "We are very pleased with being awarded this honor three years in a row, since hundreds of CPA firms are evaluated on over 35 criteria ranging from employee retention, client service, revenue per employee and profitability", stated Blake Christian, Long Beach Tax Partner.

This award is based on a firm's relative rankings in connection with overall operating management performance for the 2007 year, and is considered the "gold standard in accounting firm benchmarking" according to Michael Platt, publisher of IPA.

HCVT Managing Partner, Philip Holthouse adds: "We are very honored to receive this prestigious award three years in a row. This national recognition reflects very favorably on our 250 hard-working and dedicated staff, serving our quality clients. With 24 partners, each with 12 to 30 years of client service and industry experience, HCVT has developed and discovered a variety of "best practices" which has allowed us to very effectively manage our firm as well as share these ideas with our clients."

HCVT was also just recognized as one of the "Fastest Growing Private Companies" by the Los Angeles Business Journal. According to Holthouse: "With 2007 firm revenue in excess of \$52 million and an average firm growth rate in excess of 20% since forming the firm in 1991, we are very pleased to continue our solid year-to-year growth, which offers excellent advancement opportunities for all of our employees."

HCVT's unique structure of six Southern California offices offers clients, employees, and other professional service providers the opportunity to work together with maximum geographic flexibility.

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Christian observes that: "Our multi-office business model allows HCVT to attract and retain top-quality clients, partners and staff throughout the Southern California region, while delivering high-value tax, attest and consulting services to a wide variety of industries and high-net-worth individuals."

The HCVT Partners are active in their business, alumni and home communities and enjoy providing growth opportunities for their clients, staff and students.

As the largest CPA firm headquartered in Southern California, and the ability to service and attract larger clients with expanding accounting and tax needs during these challenging economic times, HCVT is well positioned for continued strategic growth and job creation.

HCVT is also associated with [the North American region](#) of [Moore Stephens International Limited](#). HCVT can connect you with knowledgeable professionals throughout the U.S. and in more than 90 countries. Our association gives our clients access to people who understand what businesses are trying to accomplish and who can help develop successful strategies.

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