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PENDER NEWKIRK & COMPANY ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS

TAMPA, Fla. (October 8, 2009) – Pender Newkirk & Company, Certified Public Accountants is pleased to announce the promotions of two individuals within their firm.

Charles Champion has been promoted to Audit Manager. Champion has served as an Audit Senior with Pender Newkirk & Company since 2007. He joined the firm as an Audit Staff in 2005. He earned his bachelor's degree in Accounting from Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi.

Shane Smith has been promoted to Tax Senior. Smith has served as a Tax Staff with the firm since 2007. He earned his master's degree in Accounting from The University of Tampa.

“We are very proud to announce these individuals' success,” said Ralph Garcia, Managing Partner. “Their accomplishments in their respective areas of expertise are impressive and will undoubtedly support the continued growth and development of our firm.”

About Pender Newkirk & Company

Founded in 1976, Pender Newkirk & Company is a full service accounting and business consulting firm based in Tampa, Florida. With eleven partners and more than 60 employees, the firm provides an array of services including audit and assurance, tax planning and preparation, Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, estate & trust, valuation, small business advisory and other consulting services to clients across a broad range of industries. For additional information about the firm and the services we offer, please visit www.pnccpa.com

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