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**Pender Newkirk & Company Named Among
2009 Best Accounting Firms to Work For**

TAMPA, Fla. (January 5, 2010) – Pender Newkirk & Company, Certified Public Accountants was recently named as one of the 2009 Best Accounting Firms to Work for. The annual list of “Best Accounting Firms” was created by Accounting Today and Best Companies Group. “We are very proud of this recognition and appreciate the contributions of our employees, clients and vendors in making our firm an excellent work environment,” said Ralph Garcia, Managing Partner. “This recognition, together with our 2009 Best Companies to Work For in Florida recognition, affirms that we offer an exceptionally unique atmosphere enabling our staff to do their best work possible.”

This survey and award program was designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in the accounting industry, benefiting the nation's economy, its workforce and businesses. The Best Accounting Firms to Work for list is made up of a total of 100 companies, split into three groups: 20 small-sized companies (15-24 employees), 65 medium-sized companies (25-249 employees) 15 large-sized companies (more than 250 employees). Pender Newkirk & Company has been named one of the Best Accounting Firms to Work for in the medium category.

To be considered for participation, companies had to fulfill the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a for-profit or not-for-profit business;
- Be a publicly or privately held business;
- Have a facility in the United States;
- Have at least 15 employees in the United States;
- Must be in business a minimum of 1 year;
- Be an accounting firm.

Companies from across the country entered the two-part survey process to determine the Best Accounting Firms to Work for. The first part consisted of evaluating each nominated company's workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics. The second part consisted of an employee survey to measure the employee experience. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final ranking. Best Companies Group managed the overall registration, survey and analysis process and determined the final rankings.

For the full list of recognized firms and for more information on the Best Accounting Firms to Work for program, visit www.BestAccountingFirmstoWorkfor.com

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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