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RINA Accountancy Corporation Named one of the 2009 Top 100 Best Accounting Firms to Work For

Oakland—RINA accountancy corporation, a regional full service accounting and consulting firm, 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.

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). RINA has been named one of the Best Accounting Firms to Work for in the medium category. Ed Fahey, President of RINA advised that “We have developed a great culture here at RINA and this award reflects the positive and innovative things that we are doing to make it a great place to work.”

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.

RINA Accountancy Corporation's Walnut Creek Office Certified as a Bay Area Green Business

Walnut Creek—RINA accountancy corporation's Walnut Creek office was certified as a Green Business on September 18, 2009 by the Bay Area Green Business Program. Claudia Pingatore, representative of the Contra Costa Green Business Program presented the award to Jim Kohles, CPA,



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Chairman of the Board and Pamela Raumer, Business Development Director and co-chair of RINA's Green Committee.

The Bay Area Green Business Program, which has certified over 300 businesses in Contra Costa County and over 700 in the Bay Area, recognizes businesses that comply with all environmental regulations and conserve energy, water and other materials, reduce waste and prevent any type of pollution. A County Coordinator worked closely with RINA to put these practices in place. There is great flexibility in how the green standards can be achieved. The Green Business Program Checklists provide additional information and suggested implementation measures. Measures previously implemented are considered towards achievement of these standards. Participants can request alternatives or exemptions for measures which are not feasible for their company.

"RINA is committed to being an environmental leader. We recognize that a green business improves employee health, morale and productivity while helping our business to operate efficiently," said Jim Kohles as he accepted the award.

For more detailed information about going green, visit www.greenbiz.ca.gov.

Becker CPA Review Course Materials

In response to an inquiry from an MGI Member Firm employee regarding Amazon sales of Becker CPA Review Materials, Becker has issued the following statement:

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