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IS.GROUP AWARDS MEMBERS AND MANUFACTURERS

INDIANAPOLIS, IN—is.group, the industry's most progressive independent dealer group and the leader in providing value-added programs and services to its members, has announced the winners of its annual member and vendor awards. These prizes were awarded at the Awards Breakfast at the recent is.group Annual Meeting, Collaborate 2010, in Denver, Colorado.

Frank Trowbridge, Palace Art & Office Supply in Santa Cruz, CA was presented with a plaque for his years of service on the is.group Board of Directors. His term in office came to an end with the election of directors on June 4. As well, Craig Bartholomew, Reporter Big Sky Office, was honored as the outgoing Chairman of the Board of Directors. "Craig has served is.group in such an extraordinary manner," said is.group's President, Mike Gentile. "He has devoted an incredible amount of time, energy, and leadership to our organization. I, the is.group staff, the Board of Directors, and the is.group membership have been honored to work with Craig, and thank him for his devotion to the independent dealers he was chosen to serve."

The 2010 Chairman's Club awards were presented to the top is.group dealerships for their outstanding participation in group programs and services. Winners received an engraved award and a monetary award. This year, two dealerships were given Honorary Recognition, since their participation levels were very high, while their membership tenure was less than the review period. Honorary Recognition was paid to: Data Essentials, Kansas City, MO and East Valley Office Supply, Chandler, AZ

Third place honors were given to: Rangel Distributing, Kansas City, MO, The Office Center, Seymour, IN, J.E. Bergasse Ltd., West Indies, and United Supply Corp., Brooklyn, NY.

The Second place award went to Witt's Everything for the Office, Tehachapi, CA.

Top Honors were presented to Keeney's Office Plus, Redmond, WA.

Three Vendor of the Year Awards were also presented to manufacturers chosen by the is.group membership for their outstanding support of the

is.group members. Vendor of the Year was presented to Smead Manufacturing. BPGI Vendor of the Year was awarded to Fellowes Manufacturing. And the RDC Vendor of the Year went to MeadWestvaco.

"Each of these manufacturers supports the is.group members on a daily basis, bringing outstanding opportunities in product selection, great customer service, and program value," said Mike Foster, is.group Director of Merchandising. "It is a pleasure to work with companies who go that extra mile to the benefit of the independent dealer channel and is.group dealers in particular."

ABOUT IS.GROUP: Founded in 1977, is.group is a leading global organization providing marketing support and purchasing power for the independent office products dealer. The organization's members are located throughout the U.S. and in 3 foreign countries. Collectively, is.group members produce \$2.5 billion in end-user sales from small to mid-sized businesses. For more information, please contact Cora Baker at is.group headquarters (Phone: 317-579-1111; e-mail: cora@isgroup.org) or visit the is.group web site at www.isgroup.org).

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