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Beacon Associates Ranked 17th in the Top 50 Fastest Growing Women-Owned Businesses in the Nation

Bel Air, MD – April 26, 2010 – Beacon Associates, a management and consulting company headquartered in the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan Area, announced today that it has been selected as #17 on the list of the 50 Fastest-Growing Women-Owned/Led Businesses in North America.

The Women Presidents' Organization (WPO) is a peer advisory organization for women presidents that promotes and fosters professional and personal relationships in support of developing strong women leaders. In order to be eligible for the list, companies must be privately owned, women-owned or led, and have generated at least \$2 million by year-end 2009, among other criteria. About 400 companies applied for inclusion on the list.

Beacon is led by CEO and founder, Carol Koffinke, who asserts, "It is extremely rewarding to be recognized on a national level and by such a prestigious group. Organizations such as WPO that are dedicated to supporting women entrepreneurs and leaders play a valuable role in helping woman expand their business network. We are very honored by this award."

Beacon is a woman-owned, small business and consulting firm that offers organizational effectiveness, technology, and operational solutions to the federal government and private industry. They are a certified 8(a) company, and some of their major customers include federal agencies, such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Fortune 500 companies, such as Dell and Microsoft. Currently, Beacon is managing 20 contracts in 16 Federal agencies and has contracts in 18 locations across the United States.

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