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Baltimore SmartCEO Announces 2009 Fast Growth Companies Climbing to Higher Heights

January 1, 2009-What makes a Future 50 and Emerging Growth winner? The key word is growth. *Baltimore SmartCEO* magazine, in partnership with the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel and Hartman Business Technology announces the publication's fifth annual Future 50 winners, debuting in the January 2009 issue.

The Future 50 program recognizes the 50 fastest growing companies in the Greater Baltimore area based on employee and revenue growth. This year's Future 50 winners collectively employ 5,500 people, and generate over \$2 billion in revenue.

In addition to recognizing Future 50 winners, *SmartCEO* honors five companies in the Emerging Growth category. Emerging Growth honors young companies that are growing rapidly in Greater Baltimore based on their employee and revenue growth.

Winners will be recognized at the *Baltimore SmartCEO* Future 50 event, scheduled for Jan. 8, 2009, at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel. Serving as keynote speaker for this year's rock-climbing themed event is Don Schmincke, co-author of *High Altitude Leadership: What the World's Most Forbidding Peaks Teach Us About Success*. His work has been covered by CNN, the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today* and other national media. Today, Don is one of the top speakers for the world's largest CEO membership organization.

Technology companies make up the largest percentage of the winning companies at 38 percent. The other 62 percent is distributed among health, financial institutions, real estate, insurance and other industries. Among the Future 50 winners are companies who have won for the fifth year in a row, and some for the first time. Barcoding, Inc. and Correct Rx Pharmacy are among Future 50's five-time winners, while Tanks Direct and Respira Medical, Inc. are among first-year winners.

"Each Future 50 and Emerging Growth winner has effectively translated their passion and innovation into tremendous growth and success," says Craig Burris, Publisher at *SmartCEO* Magazine. "We are honored to recognize the 55 fastest growing companies in Greater Baltimore."

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For a complete list of winners, see page 2 of this release or visit www.smartceo.com for a list of company names and Web sites. Nominations for Future 50 closed mid-October and are expected to open mid-August for 2010 nominations.

Baltimore SmartCEO magazine is a regional "growing company" publication aimed at providing resources each month to help educate, motivate and inspire Baltimore's decision-makers. The

publication's readers range from younger, dynamic companies, to established multi-generational, family-owned firms.

Title sponsor, Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel, is located at the water's edge in the Baltimore's premier neighborhood of Harbor East. Having spent over \$30 million in renovations in 2008, the hotel is positioned to remain as Baltimore's best convention property. The hotel is only steps away from the city's finest dining, shopping, and all that the Historic Inner Harbor has to offer. It's also the only hotel where you can hail a water taxi to whisk you to the many waterfront attractions and neighborhoods. Explore the city on foot, or sit back, relax, and enjoy the breathtaking views that abound at this city landmark. Guest rooms feature many high tech and luxurious amenities that compliment the contemporary elegance of their design. The sophisticated, and flexible banquet facilities and services are second to none, ensuring your next meeting or special event will be full of fond and lasting memories. Staying here, you won't want to miss a thing. And at this impressive hotel, you won't have to.

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Barcoding Inc.
Brick Bodies Fitness Services, Inc.
Business Health Services
CBay Systems and Services Inc
Comfort Systems USA-Baltimore
Concrete Protection & Restoration, Inc.
Continental Technologies, Inc.
Convergence Technology Consulting
Correct Rx Pharmacy Services, Inc.
E-Structors, Inc.
Earth Treks, Inc.
Enoch Office Equipment
Environmental Resources Management, Inc.
Evolution
Exceptional Software Strategies, Inc.
Group Insurance Solutions, Inc.
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Medifast, Inc.
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Next Breath, LLC
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Respira Medical, Inc.
Rollins-PCI Construction
Rooftop Communications, LLC
SC&H Group
Skyline Network Engineering, LLC
Solvern Innovations
Sourcefire, Inc.
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Tanks Direct
The Squires Group, Inc.
Travel Advantage Network
Trusant Technologies, LLC
Trusted Technologies, LLC
United Source One

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