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Courtesy Associates Ranked #1 Washington, D.C. Meeting and Event Planning Firm

WASHINGTON, D.C – November 2, 2011 – Courtesy Associates was ranked the number one Washington, D.C. metro area meeting and event planning firm by Washington Business Journal. This is the seventh time Courtesy Associates was ranked number one by the journal. Courtesy Associates is a wholly owned subsidiary of SmithBucklin, the world’s largest association management and professional services company.

“I am delighted that Courtesy Associates was again honored with the journal’s highest rank for D.C. metro area meeting and event planning firms,” said Leslie Thornton, president of Courtesy Associates. “Courtesy Associates continues to be recognized for providing best-in-class conference, exhibit and event services to not-for-profit organizations, associations, the federal government, technical and medical societies, universities and corporations. Our success is due to the continued support of our clients as well as the expertise and dedication of each member of our staff.”

Since 1947, Courtesy Associates has planned and managed more than 13,000 meetings and conferences worldwide. From intimate conferences, to high-profile trade shows for 10,000 attendees, Courtesy Associates provides strategic planning, site selection, contract negotiations, advance and on-site logistics, exhibit management, travel and transportation arrangements, and additional services such as multilingual translation and transcription services.

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About Courtesy Associates

Courtesy Associates is a recognized leader in the full-service conference and event management industry. Courtesy serves a wide range of clients in the government, medical, technical, association and corporate arenas, creating programs for audiences ranging from 50 to 10,000. Courtesy provides clients with a single point of contact and unparalleled expertise in vendor negotiation and management, logistics and planning (on-site, pre- and post-event), exhibit and sponsorship sales, budget development and oversight, theme development and event design, production, event marketing and fundraising, and site selection. Courtesy Associates is owned by SmithBucklin, the world’s largest association management and professional services company. For more information, please visit www.courtesyassociates.com.

About SmithBucklin

SmithBucklin is the world’s largest association management and professional services company. Founded in 1949, the company provides full-service management and outsourcing services to trade associations, professional societies, technology user groups, corporations, government institutes/agencies and other nonprofit organizations. SmithBucklin’s mission is to drive growth for its client organizations and provide uncompromised stewardship for their long-term prosperity. SmithBucklin’s headquarters are located in Chicago and Washington, D.C., with offices in St. Louis, Old Lyme, Conn. and St. Paul, Minn. and the SmithBucklin + MCI Worldwide Partnership provides client organizations with seamless association and event management services from more than 40 offices throughout the world. The company is 100 percent employee-owned. For more information, please visit www.smithbucklin.com or call 1 800 539 9740.