



Two WhippleWood CPAs Accountants Named FIVE STAR Wealth ManagersSM

Littleton, Colo., Jan. 12, 2011 /PRNewswire/—Two accountants in Littleton, Colo., with **WhippleWood CPAs, PC**—CEO Richard J. Whipple and Principal Mona L. Feeley—were recognized with the FIVE STAR Wealth ManagerSM Award in 2009. Mr. Whipple also received the award in 2010. The 2010 FIVE STAR Wealth ManagerSM recipients were featured in the November 2010 issues of *ColoradoBiz* and *5280* magazines.

FIVE STAR professionals score among the highest in overall satisfaction in their market area based on research with clients, peers and industry leaders. It is an exclusive award given to only 7 percent of professionals in a given industry and market area. “We are proud of our recognition as FIVE STAR Wealth ManagersSM because the award is based on client and peer evaluations,” said Whipple.

QMI Research administers a survey by mail and phone in each geographic market to approximately a quarter of the high-net-worth households and all Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) license holders. Respondents are asked to evaluate up to three wealth managers. Each client respondent is asked to evaluate only wealth managers whom they have worked with, and each peer respondent is asked to evaluate only wealth managers whom they know through personal experience.

The questionnaires are structured to make it equally easy for an individual to give negative or positive responses regarding each wealth manager evaluated. QMI Research scores the survey responses, including all responses both negative and positive, to determine which wealth managers meet the identified standards, and screens wealth managers based on their regulatory compliance history as reported by FINRA, the SEC and other regulatory authorities.

Wealth managers do not pay a fee to be included in the evaluation process or to be named as a FIVE STAR Wealth ManagerSM. The award program and research process adhere to the guidelines established within the Investment Advisors Act of 1940 regarding third-party recognition.

WhippleWood CPAs has been providing accounting, tax and business consulting services to a wide range of business and individual clients for more than 30 years. Their clients are located throughout the United States and abroad.