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Small Business of the Year Announced

The Small Business Council of the Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that Hight-Jackson Associates, P.A. has been named the 2009/2010 Small Business of the Year. The architectural and engineering firm is located in Rogers and was started in 1974, with the company's first major client being Walmart Stores, Inc. Hight-Jackson Associates was asked to design and build its second-generation discount stores in the tri-state region. The company now has 22 employees and prides itself on its involvement in the community, providing engineering and architectural college scholarships for high school students in the northwest Arkansas area for the past 10 years. The company is also focused on using "green" technology when designing buildings.

Brian Jackson, who accepted the award at the 2010 NWA Business Conference & Expo on Aug. 5 at the John Q. Hammons Center, said, "Hight-Jackson Associates is extremely humbled and honored to win this award. We want to thank the Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Small Business Council for selecting us among such an elite group of candidates. The chamber does a great job in promoting the small business community in Rogers, and we are very proud to be a member of it. As a small business, we believe that it is our duty to participate and be an active member of the community. It is an important part of what makes Rogers such a great community in which to live and work. We encourage all of our employees to get involved in their respective communities all over Northwest Arkansas. Community service is not only a vital part of our business, but we believe it is a vital part of our community. Hight-Jackson Associates has been in Rogers for 36 years, and we plan to be here for many years to come. Once again, thank you to everyone who had a part in selecting us for such a prestigious award."

The Small Business of the Month Recognition Program was designed and implemented 2007 by the Chamber's Small Business Council. Recognizing that small businesses are the backbone of America's economy, representing more than 99% of all employers, creating three-fourths of all new jobs and accounting for more than one-half of the nation's gross domestic product, the Council seized the opportunity to recognize our local exceptional small business owners for their tireless work, contribution

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to the community and their embodiment of the spirit of enterprise. The Small Business of the Month Recognition Award Program is presented by Showcase Trophy & Awards, Inc.

Photo caption: Brian Jackson of Hight-Jackson Associates, P.A. accepts the 2009/2010 Small Business of the Year award from Small Business Council chair, Leesa Davis and “The Apprentice” winner, Bill Rancic.

About the Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

The Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is a five-star accredited chamber serving more than 2,014 member businesses across the region. The chamber serves as the voice of business, promoting and initiating responsible economic growth, while addressing community challenges in the Rogers and Lowell area, and the region. The chamber offers a variety of programming designed to grow business and build community. For more information on the Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, visit www.RogersLowell.com, or call 479-636-1240.