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Porter Keadle Moore, LLP Honored for Marketing Achievement

Firm Received Two Awards from Association for Accounting Marketing

July 11, 2002 – Atlanta, GA - Porter Keadle Moore, LLP (PKM), a full-service accounting and consulting firm and recognized leader in the community banking industry, is the proud recipient of two Marketing Achievement Awards from the Association for Accounting Marketing. The firm received top honors last month at the Association's National Conference in both the Website and Seminar categories.

"PKM has worked hard over the years to set itself apart from other firms in the market," said Phil Moore, Managing Partner. "Receiving not one, but two awards for outstanding achievement in marketing confirms that our hard work is paying off."

In January of this year, PKM launched a new website, www.pkm.com, which demonstrates the firm's unique culture and won the firm its award in the Website category. The website was designed to provide information on PKM's main service areas to clients and prospects in the firm's four target markets. In addition, it was intended to display a fun, relaxed work environment for experienced professionals and college graduates searching for a great place to work.

In the Seminar category, the firm won its award for its efforts in teaming up with leading law firm, Powell Goldstein Frazer & Murphy LLP and a "competitive" accounting firm, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLP to co-sponsor a seminar entitled, "The Public Company Minefield: Surviving the New Sarbanes-Oxley and NASDAQ Rules." The intent of this seminar was to provide bank executives and directors with up-to-date information on the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and demonstrate the new state of cooperation in the accounting industry.

About Porter Keadle Moore, LLP

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