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Anton Collins Mitchell LLP – Local by Choice, Global by Resources

Colorado Ownership

As the public accounting firm of Anton Collins Mitchell LLP (ACM) approaches its 10th anniversary, there is certainly a lot to celebrate. The founding partners of ACM made a resounding commitment to the Colorado community in 2002, when they acquired BDO USA, LLP's (BDO) Denver practice. The decision to be Colorado-owned and operated allowed for complete



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control when directing resources to the needs of clients; provided for quick and efficient local

decision making; and created a wealth of opportunities for their people. Yet ACM was still able to remain “Global by Resources”—as an independent member of the BDO Seidman Alliance, ACM retains access to the BDO worldwide network when additional resources are required.

This approach—local ownership and control, paired with international resources—has proven beneficial to

ACM and the Colorado business community alike. ACM has grown 300 percent in 10 years and now has offices in Denver, Boulder and Greeley. The firm is today the 4th largest Colorado-owned accounting firm in the Denver metro area, with 17 partners and directors and 100 employees.

Colorado Commitment

ACM was founded with a deep belief in its responsibility to the Colorado community. When many local CPA firms merged with nationally owned mega-firms, ACM took the opposite track—securing local ownership. Within the firm, there is a keen and fundamental understanding that the community is the company priority: people come first. Giving back to the community through charitable giving and volunteer activity has proven to be a great source of inspiration and motivation for employees.

Company-wide volunteer programs are arranged but individuals are also encouraged to pursue their own passions, finding ways to give back that have meaning to them personally.

National Leadership

Leadership is not merely a concept at ACM, but is in fact a living, breathing force. ACM doesn't import leaders from other cities to Colorado; ACM sends its leaders across the United States and around the world. One way this is demonstrated is by ACM partners' leadership positions at the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Greg Anton is the current Chairman of the Board, Randy Watkins serves on the Executive Committee of the AICPA Governmental Audit Quality Center and Melissa Hooley is on the Executive Committee of the AICPA Women's Initiative. The "About

ACM" pages on the firm's website (acmllp.com) provide further proof of the firm's commitment to leadership and technical expertise.

Relationship-Based Professional Services

The combination of local ownership, national leadership and international resources makes ACM a uniquely effective accounting firm. "ACM's broad portfolio of services is comparable to that offered by much larger international CPA firms," says Managing Partner Gary Mitchell. "However, a list of services isn't by itself a measure of success. Success can only be measured by the success of our clients and staff executed through a 'local by choice' foundation. At the end of the day, it's the right combination of what we do and how we do it that enables us to exceed expectations and deliver outstanding results."