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PARTNERSHIP WEALTH MANAGEMENT PRESIDENT, WOODY DERRICKS RECEIVES 2ND PLACE AWARD FOR GREEN ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

(Baltimore, MD, April 20, 2010) – Partnership Wealth Management, President, Woody Derricks, has received second place in the Baltimore Business Journal's Green Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.

The Baltimore Business Journal launched its Green Business contest back in 2007 and received a minimal number of entry forms. In 2010, the publication received close to 100 entries! The "green movement" is fast becoming a way of life for many individuals. People are much more focused and involved in efforts to protect our environment.

Woody Derricks is an independent financial consultant who began his career in 1998 and formed Partnership Wealth Management, a financial services company, a few years later. In 2009, Mr. Derricks moved his company from Canton to Fells Point where he insisted on creating a work environment that reflected his eco-friendly values.

While preparing for the move, Mr. Derricks wanted to make sure that the new office was as green as possible. The carpeting he had installed was made of recycled materials. The desks, tables and other furniture were bought used in order to reduce the need to manufacture such items. He also purchased refurbished computer and printer equipment. Although the recycled material was more expensive, the costs were offset by reusing and buying refurbished items. Mr. Derricks' goal has always been to minimize his impact on the environment and this includes the impact of his business as well. Efforts include using 100% recycled paper products for such items as client folders, stationery (printed with 100% soy ink), copy paper, paper towels and general files. His employees recycle all paper, glass, bottles, cans and ink cartridges. Not only does the office recycle and reuse, but the cleaning products are also eco-friendly. Since 2007, 100% of the office electricity is generated by wind power. Even the holiday gifts given to clients this past year reflected Mr. Derricks' environmentally-friendly efforts. Clients received biodegradable, eco-friendly, BPA free coffee tumblers, along with Costa Rica Direct Trade Tarrazu coffee (which was purchased from a local coffee shop in Baltimore - a coffee shop whose efforts include sponsoring local artists and providing discounts for bicyclists), and finally, each client was given a "green" grocery tote bag created with earth-friendly, organic and recycled materials only.

In 2009, Mr. Derricks traded in his car for walking shoes and he now walks almost 3 miles to and from work each day.

In 2009, Partnership Wealth Management was the **first** business to be accepted into Maryland's Green Registry.

Because many of Mr. Derricks' clients are concerned about the environment and social equality, he researched and selected Eco & Socially-Friendly Investments ("responsible investing") for client portfolios. Responsible investing can mean investing in companies that are leaders in reducing their carbon emissions and it can also mean investing in companies due to their activism in reducing their carbon footprint.

Since 2007, Partnership Wealth Management has been a member of Businesses for the Bay, committed to the voluntary implementation of pollution prevention measures and the protection of the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers.

Partnership Wealth Management has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership for efforts made to reduce the risk of climate change through green power purchasing.

Partnership Wealth Management has been acknowledged by The Rainforest Alliance for helping protect 1.3 acres of precious rainforest in Endangered Ecosystems of the Tropics.

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