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Weaver and Tidwell Ranks No. 1 in Southwest by Practical Accountant Once again named largest regional independent accounting firm

(April 12, 2008) - Weaver and Tidwell LLP has again been ranked by Practical Accountant magazine as the Southwest's largest regional independent accounting firm.

The ranking is based on FYE 2007 revenue. Weaver and Tidwell increased its revenue by 36 percent to \$41.7 million.

"We are very proud to be ranked at the top again!" said W.M. "Mack" Lawhon, Weaver and Tidwell's managing partner. "Our staff worked hard to achieve this prestigious ranking. Growth in the energy and manufacturing sectors contributed to our success, along with growth of risk advisory services."

Practical Accountant magazine conducted its 15th Annual Survey of Regional Accounting Firms to gather the numbers that identifies and ranks the top firms in eight regions. The data was obtained by sister publication Accounting Today for its Top 100 survey and by Practical Accountant's editorial staff. The publication reported that more than 55 percent of accounting firms increased their revenue by double digit percentages in FYE 2007.

Founded in 1950, Weaver and Tidwell L.L.P. currently employs approximately 300 employees, including 225 accountants and consultants. With offices in Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston, Weaver and Tidwell is ranked the largest independent certified public accounting firm in the Southwest by Practical Accountant magazine.

The firm represents a broad range of clients including large national and international corporations, publicly and privately held businesses, nonprofit organizations, and government entities. In addition to the firm's audit, accounting and tax services, its accountants and consultants practice in the areas of business valuation; estate planning/wealth transfer; forensic accounting; information technology; international services; property tax; risk advisory services; and state and local tax. It also performs peer reviews for other accounting firms.

To meet the growing needs of its clients in the areas of employee benefits and financial planning, the firm has two affiliate firms: Retirement Plan Concepts and Weaver and Tidwell Financial Advisors, Ltd.

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