

Crowe Chizek named among the Best and Brightest Companies to Work For in West Michigan

(April 17, 2006) – For the second consecutive year, **Crowe Chizek and Company LLC** has been named one of the 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For in West Michigan. Compiled by the Michigan Business and Professional Association, the Best and Brightest list recognizes businesses that provide innovative and valuable programs, services and solutions for personnel.

A public accounting and consulting firm, Crowe expanded into the West Michigan market in 1984 with the opening of its Grand Rapids office. Today, the office employs nearly 200 personnel. Overall, Crowe operates offices in eight states and has more than 2,000 personnel.

The Best and Brightest honorees are selected based on an assessment of policies and procedures and personnel surveys results. The categories in which companies are judged include communication; community initiatives; compensation and benefits; diversity and multiculturalism; employee education and development; employee engagement and commitment; recognition and retention; recruitment and selection; and work-life balance.

All Best and Brightest companies will be recognized at an awards luncheon on May 3. Nine Elite Award winners and an overall Best of the Best winner will also be announced at the event.

About Crowe Chizek

Under its core purpose of “Building Value with Values,” Crowe Chizek and Company LLC (www.crowechizek.com) provides innovative business solutions in the areas of assurance, benefit plan services, financial advisory, forensic services, performance services, risk consulting and tax consulting. Crowe Chizek, a Crowe Group LLP entity, was founded in 1942. One of the top 10 public accounting and consulting firms in the United States, Crowe also serves clients worldwide as a leading independent member of the Horwath International global professional services organization.