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CIO Partners Ranked the #2 Best Small Business to Work for in Atlanta

ATLANTA (October 2nd, 2008) – CIO Partners, a leader in Executive Search, IT Staffing and Recruitment Strategies, today announced that the company has been named a Best Place to Work by the Atlanta Business Chronicle for the second year in a row.

CIO Partners was first named a Best Place to Work in 2007 and is proud to have received the honor for a second consecutive year. Last year, the company ranked No. 13 out of 20 small companies. This year, CIO Partners climbed in the rankings to No. 2.

The rankings were determined by the Atlanta Business Chronicle in conjunction with Quantum Market Research and are based on Quantum's proprietary employee survey methodology and analytical tools.

The company has been recognized with many awards, but this honor is especially significant because it is based on a confidential survey of CIO Partners' employees.

"It's based on raw input from our employees and their reflection of what makes our company a great place to work, so that means a lot to us," said H. Michael Burgett, president and managing partner of CIO Partners.

CIO Partners is committed to employees' professional development and personal well-being.

"We believe as a company that we have a responsibility to provide for those who truly give everything they've got to make the company successful," Burgett said. "Being recognized with this award makes us believe we are headed in the right direction."

A key element of professional development at CIO Partners is Young Guns – an innovative, four-phase training program that develops entry-level candidates into staffing professionals. The program offers a unique approach to attracting, recognizing and retaining top talent.

Opportunities to grow and be rewarded are important to CIO employees, says Jon Langkopf, director of national accounts.

“We know the growth plan, so it’s very transparent and there is a great level of trust,” said Langkopf, a Young Guns graduate. “We know that our hard work is going to be rewarded.”

The company has an “Employer of Choice” plan, which gives employees the opportunity to express their preferences about everything from health benefits to compensation.

We are also proud of our community giving program which allows employees to spend 12 hours of paid time each year volunteering for an organization of their choice. Even snack time involves giving back, as employees have selected a charity to benefit from the proceeds of their office vending machine.

The CIO Partners team works very hard, but also enjoys a variety of fun perks ranging from social events like “Bring Your Pet to Work Day” to free vacations to reward employees for achieving goals.

For additional information about the awards, please contact The Atlanta Business Chronicle at www.atlanta.bizjournals.com and Quantum Market Research at www.qmrinc.com.

About CIO Partners

Founded in 2001, CIO Partners is a privately held, national talent organization based in Atlanta, Georgia. The company offers services in Executive Search, IT Staffing, and Recruitment Strategies. CIO Partners provides its clients with its CIO RightHire Process to ensure both a cultural and a technical candidate alignment. CIO Partners employees benefit from an industry leading Employer of Choice plan and the company has recently been named by the Atlanta Business Chronicle as one of the Best Places to Work in Atlanta. The company is a multi year honoree on the prestigious Inc 5000 list and has been twice recognized as one of Cobb County’s Top 25 Small Businesses of the Year. For additional information, visit www.CIOPartners.com.

About Talentric

Talentric Professional Recruiters (Talentric), a business unit of CIO Partners offers staffing services across multiple industries including accounting/finance, legal, retail/restaurant operations and engineering. Talentric Practice Leaders have previous corporate experience within their industry and are uniquely positioned to understand their clients’ specific hiring requirements. Their extensive domain knowledge and vertical focus help to bring a direct match between a client’s requirements and the candidate’s experience.

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