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CIO Partners' President Named a Catalyst Top 25 Entrepreneur and One to Watch

ATLANTA (October 6th, 2008) – CIO Partners, a leader in Executive Search, IT Staffing and Recruitment Strategies, announced today that H. Michael Burgett, president and managing partner of CIO Partners, has been named a Top 25 Entrepreneur and One to Watch by Catalyst Magazine.

For almost 10 years, Catalyst Magazine has celebrated Atlanta's leading entrepreneurs with the prestigious Catalyst Top 25 Entrepreneurs & One to Watch Awards. This year, more than 100 business owners were nominated. Catalyst Magazine's accounting partner, Gifford Hillegass & Ingwersen, LLP, interviewed each of the nominees and evaluated financial records to determine the winners. The nominees were evaluated on four important criteria: entrepreneurship, growth, sustainability and profitability.

Burgett is honored to be selected, but says it is not an individual accomplishment.

"I am humbled by this recognition and I am appreciative of it, but the reality is that I have a great team of people who all have an ongoing commitment to the success of our company and to each other," Burgett said. "Without that strong team and the commitment from them and from their families to what we are trying to build, this type of recognition would not be possible."

CIO Partners has been recognized repeatedly for its successful growth. In 2008, CIO Partners was named to Inc. magazine's list of the 5,000 fastest-growing, private companies in the United States for a second year in a row. CIO Partners was also distinguished in 2008 as one of the nation's Hot 100 fast-growth businesses by Entrepreneur magazine.

In addition, the company has been named a Best Place to Work by the Atlanta Business Chronicle for two consecutive years.

The company has a strong commitment to its employees and the community. Burgett created CIO Partners with corporate stewardship as a founding value. Each employee is given twelve hours of paid time to volunteer with a non-profit organization of their choice and ten percent of corporate net profits are donated to charity.

Burgett serves on the board of Opportunity Knocks for Youth, which provides mentorship, training and programs for Cobb County at-risk teens. He is also a member of the Mount Bethel United Methodist Church where he has previously served on its Administrative Council, and has contributed on the @Home and Global Missions Committee.

He resides in Marietta with his wife, Kim, and three daughters.

For additional information about the awards, visit Catalyst Magazine at <http://www.catalystmag.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 delivers its services through the proprietary CIO RightHire Process to ensure both a cultural and a technical candidate alignment with client requirements. CIO Partners is a recognized employer of choice with an employee developed Employer of Choice plan and the company is a multi year winner of several national awards which include The Atlanta Business Chronicle Best Places to Work in Atlanta Award, the prestigious Inc 5000 list, Catalyst Top 25, Entrepreneur Hot 100, and 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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