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## ***KippsDeSanto and Recent Clients Honored at Corporate Growth Awards Gala***

MCLEAN, VA – Kevin DeSanto, co-founder of local investment banking firm KippsDeSanto & Co., and clients Oberon Associates and Kadix Systems were recognized last Thursday night at the 2009 Corporate Growth Awards, sponsored by the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) National Capital chapter.

KippsDeSanto initiated, structured and negotiated the Deals of the Year for 2008 in both size categories. Oberon Associates, Inc. (sale to Stanley, Inc.) and Kadix Systems, LLC (sale to Dynamics Research Corp.) were winners for the Deal of the Year Award Transaction Value Under \$100 million and Transaction Value Over \$100 million, respectively. The Deal of the Year Award recognizes the regional company that was a party to the most outstanding transaction in 2008.

DeSanto was a finalist for the Investment Banker Dealmaker of Year Award. The award recognizes the top investment banker dealmaker in the Washington, D.C. region who has a history of successful deal making. DeSanto's entire career has been focused on supporting defense and technology firms in the local Metro D.C. area and nationally. In addition to his role in building and managing KippsDeSanto, he was intimately involved in successfully completing four transactions in the past twelve months, two of which have been recognized as "the top deals of 2008" by Washington Technology. KippsDeSanto co-founder Robert Kipps won the award in 2007.

### **About KippsDeSanto & Co.**

KippsDeSanto & Co. is an investment bank focused on delivering exceptional results for leading, growth-oriented defense and technology companies. We leverage our creativity and industry experience to provide M&A, private financing, and strategic consulting. Our team has advised on over 100 transactions totaling more than \$10 billion in deal value. Capitalizing on real-time industry trends and in-depth technical and strategic analysis, our solutions-driven approach is highly structured and uniquely tailored to each client. We are recognized for our market insight and broad industry relationships. We help market leaders realize their full strategic value. KippsDeSanto & Co. is not affiliated with any other company mentioned in this release. For more information, visit [www.kippsdesanto.com](http://www.kippsdesanto.com).

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