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Kevin P. DeSanto Awarded Dealmaker of the Year by Association for Corporate Growth
2011 Corporate Growth Awards Recognizes Financial Leaders in the D.C. Metro Area

McLean, VA – May 6, 2011 – The Association for Corporate Growth (ACG), National Capital Chapter, the leading authority on corporate growth in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, awarded the *Investment Banker Dealmaker of the Year* award to Kevin P. DeSanto, Managing Director at KippsDeSanto & Co. Mr. DeSanto was recognized for his track record of successful growth-oriented transactions.

“Our goal is to help high-growth companies achieve their strategic and financial goals. In doing so, we have had a tremendous opportunity to advise some of the best companies in the defense and technology sector,” said Kevin P. DeSanto. “It is an honor to be recognized for my part in helping our clients realize their strategic objectives and to be presented with this award from an organization that has its finger on the pulse of corporate growth in our region.”

The Investment Banker Dealmaker of the Year Award recognized the top investment bankers in the Mid-Atlantic region who had a history of successful growth-oriented transactions. Among a group of stellar nominees, the selection criteria was evaluated by quantitative factors such as the nominee’s involvement in investment transactions, number of transactions, average transaction size, deal volume and number of transactions. Mr. DeSanto was one of three finalists for this prestigious award category.

“In addition to being one of the most exceptional investment bankers at our firm, Kevin has really become an industry authority and trusted advisor to leading technology firms in the region and around the community. We are very proud that he has been recognized by the Association for Corporate Growth for his successes,” said Bob Kipps, co-founder and Managing Director of KippsDeSanto.

The ACG awards were presented to the winners on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at a black tie gala at the Ritz Carlton in Tysons Corner, Va.. The gala honored companies, transactions and dealmakers that demonstrated exceptional and consistent strength in growth, revenues and commercial accomplishments. More than 350 of the region’s most successful entrepreneurs and business leaders attended.

About KippsDeSanto & Co.

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