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Tampa Bay CEO Magazine Names IT Authorities Co-Founders CEO of the Year

Founders of Fastest Growing National Managed Services Provider in Tampa recognized as Emerging CEO of the Year

TAMPA, Florida – December 11, 2009 – Tampa Bay CEO Magazine selected IT Authorities' co-CEOs, Jason Caras and Jason Pollner, as Emerging CEO of the Year. According to the publication, the selection was "based on corporate vision, business ethics, performance, leadership and community initiatives."

Mr. Caras and Mr. Pollner were chosen from among 11 distinguished finalists for Emerging CEO of the Year. In all, 40 Tampa Bay CEOs in multiple categories were recognized at the 3rd Annual Tampa Bay CEO of the Year awards, held at the Westshore Yacht Club.

"It is in an honor to be in the company of the other nominees. We owe our success entirely to our employees. It is our employees that prop us up to be the CEO's that we are. It is their leadership that makes this possible. This award is really for them," said Mr. Caras.

The leadership style of these Co-CEOs is working. IT Authorities has been in expansion mode. During 2009, the company made several new hires, including a new CFO and a new CIO. It established a partnership with software developer **Persyent Technologies Corp.** in Tampa. And, while other companies were cutting back, IT Authorities was cutting ribbons - Mayor Pam Iorio was on hand in November as the company moved into newer, larger office space on Laurel Street.

As the fastest growing and leading national managed services provider headquartered in Tampa, IT Authorities is considered the "thought leader" when it comes to managed services. The company was named one of "Florida's best companies to work for in 2009" by *Florida Trend* magazine and one of the top 100 Managed Services Providers (MSP) in the World by MSPMentor. Both CEOs are in demand speakers and frequently share their insight with various organizations such as the Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa Bay Tech High School, Shields Middle School, Lewis & Clark, and Computer Mentors Group.

About IT Authorities

IT Authorities is a national Managed Service Provider (MSP) specializing in designing, implementing and managing technology solutions for medium to enterprise size businesses throughout the world. The company provides 24/7/365, unlimited onsite and remote support for a fixed monthly fee, which provides its clients with predictable IT expenditures while delivering peace of mind. In 2008 and 2009, IT Authorities was named one of the top 100 Managed Services Providers (MSP) in the World by MSPMentor, was ranked the 5th Fastest Growing Company in Tampa Bay by the Tampa Bay Business Journal and voted #1 Best Companies to Work for in Florida by Florida Trend Magazine. The company approaches managed services differently from any other provider, guided by their **212° Concept** - At 211 degrees, water is hot. At 212 degrees, it boils. And with boiling water comes steam. And steam can power a locomotive. It's that one extra degree, just one, that makes all the difference. And so many times, it's that one extra degree of effort in business, and in life, that separates the good from the great. We interpret this as giving your very best even when no one is watching. It is this philosophy that has powered IT Authorities to build their business by freeing clients to grow through innovation.

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