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Mary Amundsen Earns Certification as a Professional in Human Resources

LEAWOOD, Kan. (May 23, 2007) – Mary Amundsen, senior vice president at Bukaty Companies, recently earned certification as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR).

The certification, awarded by the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI), signifies that Amundsen possesses the theoretical knowledge and practical experience in human resource management necessary to pass a rigorous examination demonstrating a mastery of the body of knowledge in the field.

"Certification as a human resource professional clearly demonstrates a commitment to personal excellence and to the human resource profession," said Susan Meisinger, SPHR, President and CEO of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). HRCI awards two levels of certification: Professional in Human Resources (PHR) and Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).

To become certified, an applicant must pass a comprehensive examination and demonstrate a strong background of professional human resource experience.

HRCI is the credentialing body for human resource professionals and is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to the human resource profession. The Institute's purpose is to promote the establishment of professional standards and to recognize professionals who meet those standards.

About Bukaty:

Founded in 1991 by Mike Bukaty, Bukaty Companies is one of the Kansas City area's largest and most successful insurance brokers. From its early beginnings as a three-person office, the business has grown to more than 75 employees representing more than 1,500 clients. Bukaty Companies services include: Employee Benefits, Retirement Plans & Investing, Wealth Management, Benefits Administration, Human Resource Consulting, Property & Casualty, and Individual Health & Life.

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