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## LaPorte CPAs & Business Advisors Named a 2011 Top 200 Accounting Firm by *INSIDE Public Accounting*

(New Orleans, LA, September 15, 2011) LaPorte CPAs & Business Advisors has been named one of the *Top 200 Accounting Firms* in the country by *INSIDE Public Accounting (IPA)*, an independent national industry newsletter, in its second annual combined ranking of firms.

Selection of the *Top 200 Accounting Firms* is based on firm revenue, including companies with minimum annual revenues of slightly under \$13 million. LaPorte ranks as the 134th largest firm in the country.

"We are pleased to be selected as one of IPA's *Top 200 Accounting Firms* for 2011," states William 'Ted' Mason, president and CEO of LaPorte. "Our firm will continue its future growth based on delivering high quality technical skills, along with value-added consulting services in specific industry areas," he adds.

In December, LaPorte merged with Houston accounting firm Hidalgo Banfill Zlotnik & Kermali PC, expanding the firm's service area beyond Louisiana where the firm has three offices. This merger created one of the largest independent accounting firms in the region.

For more than 20 years, IPA has published a list of the *Top 100 Accounting Firms* based on revenue and then separate lists for mid-size firms. Last year, *INSIDE Public Accounting* combined all the surveys into one ranking – the *Top 200 Accounting Firms*.

IPA published the *Top 100 Accounting Firms* in its August issue, followed by publication of the second part of the survey, *Beyond the IPA 100* - the next 100 largest firms - in the current September issue.

LaPorte was selected as a Top 200 firm by IPA in 2010 and has been previously named as one of IPA's *All-Star Firms* for 2008 and 2009. The firm has also been recognized as one of *Accounting Today's* 'Best Place to Work for' in 2008, 2009 and 2010. In 2009, *Practical Accountant* named LaPorte one of the 2009 top 15 firms in the Southwest (ranked 10<sup>th</sup>).

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LaPorte has three Louisiana offices: New Orleans, 111 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Suite 600, in Metairie; Baton Rouge, Town Hall West, 10000 Perkins Rowe, Suite 200; and Covington, 100 Village Walk, Suite 300. The Houston office is located at 1770 St. James Place, Suite 250. For more information, visit the LaPorte website at [www.Laporte.com](http://www.Laporte.com).

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