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Four SBDC at UCF Clients Make Prestigious 2010 Inc. 500/5000 List

Orlando, FL – Wednesday, August 25, 2010. Four clients of the Small Business Development Center at University of Central Florida made the prestigious 2010 Inc. 500/5000 list of the nation's fastest growing private companies. The list, representing the top-tier businesses in the United States, measures revenue growth from 2006 to 2009.

With more than 27 million businesses registered in the U.S., being listed on the 2010 Inc. 500/5000 list is an enormous accomplishment. "The leaders of the companies on this year's Inc. 5000 have figured out how to grow their businesses during the longest recession since the Great Depression," said Inc. president Bob LaPointe. "The 2010 Inc. 5000 showcases a particularly hardy group of entrepreneurs.

The four SBDC at UCF clients named on this year's Inc. 500/5000 list include:

- **LimitLess International, Cheryl Stockstad, President – ranked 322 with 918% three-year sales growth.** Limitless is an Orlando-based global transportation company providing domestic and global air and ocean transportation, warehousing, distribution and TSA screening facilities for air cargo shippers. www.limitlessintl.com
- **Hooah LLC, Jorge Suria, President – ranked 582 with 521% three-year sales growth.** Hooah is a minority-owned interactive communications firm located in Winter Park. www.hooah.cc
- **Common Sense Office Furniture, Craig Caswell, President – ranked 3,735 with 41% three-year sales growth.** Common Sense Office Furniture sources and sells office furniture to Florida businesses. www.commonsenseof.com
- **American Home Companions, James Mark, President - ranked 4,551 with 16% three-year sales growth.** This is the third year in a row Orlando-based AHC made the Inc. 5000 list. AHC is Florida's largest live-in companion care agency. www.ahccares.com

As SBDC clients, these Central Florida businesses attribute part of their growth to the services they received from the SBDC at UCF, including business counseling, training, and government procurement assistance. In addition, each of the four businesses participated in the SBDC at UCF's award-winning program, the Advisory Board Council. The Advisory Board Council aims to facilitate business growth through the use of advisory boards for established Orange County companies. The program acts as a matchmaker between established businesses and professionals who volunteer their expertise as members of a 'custom-fit' advisory board.

Cheryl Stockstad, president of Limitless International, stated, "The board has helped me become a better leader and manage my company more effectively. I am fortunate to have a group of professionals who have been so dedicated to the success of my company." Limitless International was named to the elite 2010 Inc. 500 list.

Founded in 2003, the SBDC at UCF's Advisory Board Council is an economic development program funded by Orange County Government. Since its inception, the program has assisted 125 companies and has had more than 450 area professional volunteers. "This recognition of the SBDC clients on the Inc. 5000 list attests to the quality of the entrepreneurs we have in Orlando, and to the value of the SBDC at UCF's Advisory Board Council program – a winning combination," commented John Lewis, economic development administrator for Orange County.

These local companies continue to utilize the support of the SBDC at UCF to grow their businesses. Today, all four company presidents are participating in the SBDC at UCF's new CEO XChange program. The CEO XChange is an executive roundtable program

designed for second-stage companies, offering a confidential setting for top executives to discuss vital issues, opportunities and trends with a group of peers.

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About the SBDC at UCF: With its main office in the Disney Entrepreneur Center in Downtown Orlando, the SBDC at UCF is part of the UCF College of Business Administration and the Florida Small Business Development Center Network, providing business seminars and free one-on-one business consultation to small business owners. The SBDC at UCF serves an eight-county area that includes Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, and Volusia counties and maintains six satellite service centers. In 2009, the SBDC at UCF helped entrepreneurs create or retain 1,627 jobs, win contract awards worth \$31.4 million, acquire \$14.8 million in capital formation, and increase sales by \$31.7 million. The SBDC at UCF is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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