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Association for Corporate Growth's Cleveland Chapter to Host Second Annual Great Lakes Capital Connection Conference

*Two-day corporate growth conference is a collaboration between
Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh ACG chapters*

CLEVELAND – August 30, 2010 – The Association for Corporate Growth's (ACG) Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh chapters will host the second annual Great Lakes Capital Connection Conference Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010 and Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010 in Cleveland. The conference will bring together private equity firms, investment bankers, financing sources and other middle-market dealmakers from around the country to network, discuss deals and hear about the latest trends.

The conference will feature a DealSource gathering with private equity professionals, educational sessions, panel discussions and a Capital Connection session featuring regional and national private equity firms. Grant Thornton CEO Stephen Chipman and PNC Financial Services Senior Vice Chair William Demchak will present keynote addresses on Thursday, Sept. 9.

The conference will be held at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel with events at Cleveland Browns Stadium and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. The cost to attend is \$290 for ACG members and \$400 for non-members. More information and registration are available at www.acg-glcc.org.

"Those in attendance will be a 'Who's Who' of mid-market M&A professionals from across the country," said Al Melchiorre of MelCap Partners and the event chairman. "We intend to follow up on last year's tremendously successful event, which was the inaugural Great Lakes Capital Connection, by drawing more than 600 attendees this year."

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