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BenchmarkQA One of Nine Small Businesses Honored by Itasca Project's Minnesota Suppliers Showcase

June 2, 2011 Minneapolis, MN – On May 24, BenchmarkQA was recognized as a “promising and innovative provider” of information technology services by the Itasca Project in their inaugural Minnesota Suppliers Showcase held at Medtronic. BenchmarkQA is one of the nine finalists that received this honor. All finalists were invited to present their offerings to information technology executives and sourcing executives for major Minnesota companies including General Mills, UnitedHealth Group, Carlson, EcoLab, HealthPartners and Ryan Companies.

“We see this recognition as an acknowledgement not only of the innovative services we offer, but also of the growing need in the IT industry to manage the costs of quality – and to develop innovative approaches to testing and quality management that will keep pace with the dynamic evolutions in technology,” says Molly Doyle Decklever, BenchmarkQA senior vice president. “We are extremely grateful to our client and long-term business associate for nominating us for this prestigious accolade. There were many outstanding companies in the running,” 80 to be exact. “And we’re very honored to be recognized as one of the strongest and most agile small businesses providing IT services.”

One of the goals of the Showcase was to provide visibility to the capability of small and mid-size companies to meet the needs of larger local companies. BenchmarkQA has several Fortune 100 companies as current customers, and has experienced a high rate of growth over the last several years as they have built larger teams in those accounts.

About Minnesota Suppliers Showcase and Referral Library

The Minnesota Supplier Showcase’s purpose is to connect Minnesota’s small and growing companies to large corporations for the purpose of creating jobs in the state. The inaugural showcase featured companies offering computer services and information technology service delivery. Along with presenting and exhibiting on May 24th, the nine companies chosen will be included in a Supplier Referral List, an ongoing database of companies, much like “Angie’s List,” where sourcing departments can endorse or note their experience with small/medium regional companies. Much like the Supplier Showcase, the objective of the Referral Library is to expose sourcing departments to capable local companies. More information on the Supplier Referral Library will be available soon at www.theitascaproject.com.

About Itasca Project

Itasca Project is an employer-led alliance drawn together by an interest in new and better ways to address regional issues that impact our economic competitiveness and quality of life. Its 50-plus participants are primarily private-sector CEOs. The group also includes a small number of public and

nonprofit leaders, including the governor of Minnesota, the mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the chair of the Metropolitan Council, and the leaders of the University of Minnesota and MNSCU. Itasca Project's goals are to build a thriving economy and quality of life in our region and to reduce and eliminate socioeconomic disparities in our state.

About BenchmarkQA

BenchmarkQA, headquartered in Minneapolis, MN, has provided exceptional software quality assurance consulting and testing services for 24 years. Their mission is to drive business value for their clients by improving the quality of their software through innovative consulting services, contract and permanent staffing of quality assurance and testing personnel, public and private training courses and local outsourcing of the testing and QA functions. BenchmarkQA is a niche service provider, with services focused specifically on software quality assurance. BenchmarkQA offers free quarterly seminars called Software Quality Forums that focus on topics of interest to the QA community. Learn more at www.benchmarkQA.com.

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