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ACG Cleveland Board Member Receives ACG Global's 2014 Meritorious Service Award

Award Recipient Wendy Neal recognized at InterGrowth 2014

CLEVELAND – May 22, 2014 – The Association for Corporate Growth (ACG), a global organization focused on driving middle-market growth, announced today that ACG Cleveland board member, Wendy Neal, is a recipient of the prestigious 2014 Meritorious Service Award. Neal, along with other 2014 award recipients, was recognized at InterGrowth® 2014 on April 30 at the ARIA Hotel in Las Vegas. The Meritorious Service Award is given to ACG members who have provided distinguished volunteer service and leadership.

Neal is vice president of marketing at Brown Gibbons Lang & Company (BGL), where she leads client-focused, strategic global marketing and communications programs, including brand strategy and outreach, and new media strategies. With more than 15 years of experience in the financial services industry, Neal has been with BGL for more than a decade, during which she served for five years as marketing director for Global M&A Partners Ltd., BGL's international partnership of middle-market investment banking firms. Prior to joining BGL, she was a financial sales representative at Merrill Corporation and RR Donnelley. Neal is a current board member and a former president of ACG Cleveland. She has also served on the ACG Global board of directors and several ACG Global committees. She holds a bachelor's degree in interpersonal and public communications from Bowling Green State University.

"Over 1,000 ACG members every year selflessly volunteer their time to lead ACG initiatives across the globe," says Gary A. LaBranche, FASAE, CAE, president and CEO of ACG. "These award winners go above and beyond the call of duty and are very worthy of this prestigious recognition."

About the Association for Corporate Growth

Founded in 1954, the Association for Corporate Growth, Inc. is the premier global association for professionals involved in corporate growth, corporate development, and mergers and acquisitions (M&A). Today, ACG stands at more than 14,000 members from corporations, private equity, finance and professional service firms representing Fortune 500, Fortune 1000, FTSE 100 and middle-market companies in 56 chapters in North America and Europe. For more information, visit <u>www.acg.org</u>.

ACG Cleveland, founded in 1981, consists of nearly 500 members throughout the Northeast Ohio region who engage in middle-market M&A activity, as well as broader corporate finance. For more information, visit www.acgcleveland.org.

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