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**Lewis, Hooper & Dick, LLC Named One of the 2009 *Best Accounting Firms to Work for***

**Garden City, KS** – Lewis, Hooper & Dick, LLC was recently named as one of the 2009 *Best Accounting Firms to Work for*. The annual list of “Best Accounting Firms” was created by *Accounting Today* and Best Companies Group.

“We all take a great deal of pride in this recognition and accomplishment, especially since this award is primarily based on employee feedback. We believe employee satisfaction and retention has an impact on the quality of service we deliver to our clients,” says Gary Schlappe, CPA, Managing Member/Owner of Lewis, Hooper & Dick, LLC. “Being recognized as one of the best accounting firms to work for is a concrete indication that our strategy is working.”

This survey and award program was designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in the accounting industry, benefiting the nation's economy, its workforce and businesses. The *Best Accounting Firms to Work for* list is made up of a total of 100 companies which are split into three groups: 20 small-sized companies (15-24 employees), 65 medium-sized companies (25-249 employees) and 15 large-sized companies (more than 250 employees). Lewis, Hooper & Dick, LLC has been named one of the *Best Accounting Firms to Work for* in the medium firm size category.

To be considered for participation, companies had to fulfill the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a for-profit or not-for-profit business;
- Be a publicly or privately held business;
- Have a facility in the United States;
- Have at least 15 employees in the United States;
- Must be in business a minimum of 1 year;
- Be an accounting firm.

Companies from across the country entered the two-part survey process to determine the *Best Accounting Firms to Work for*. The first part consisted of evaluating each nominated company's workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics. The second part consisted of an employee survey to measure the employee experience. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final ranking. Best Companies Group managed the overall registration, survey and analysis process and determined the final rankings.

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For more information on the *Best Accounting Firms to Work for* program, visit [www.BestAccountingFirmstoWorkfor.com](http://www.BestAccountingFirmstoWorkfor.com).

Established in 1955, Lewis, Hooper & Dick, LLC provides value added and affordable accounting and advisory services to clients throughout the region. The firm's team of 7 member-owners and 19 professionals offer accounting, consulting, human resources, financial planning, and tax and computer services. Lewis, Hooper & Dick, LLC specializes in serving feed yards, municipalities, school districts, government entities and construction organizations.

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