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HOWARD GROUP SIGNS MAJOR BUSINESS FIRM TO GRAND BOULEVARD

Miramar Beach, Fla. (November 30, 2010) – Howard Group, a leading real estate development company specializing in premier commercial, hospitality and residential developments, has announced an agreement with Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC (CRI) to relocate their Destin office to Grand Boulevard at Sandestin’s Town Center. One of the Southeast’s largest and most prestigious accounting firms, CRI will relocate approximately 50 CPAs to their new 11,500 square foot office in late December.

“The fact that a prominent firm such as Carr, Riggs and Ingram has chosen to relocate to Grand Boulevard speaks volumes as to how the Town Center is evolving into a regional business hub, including banking, medical and legal services,” stated Merlin Allan, Vice President of Real Estate for Howard Group.

CRI is a full-service accounting firm that offers a complete selection of accounting services, including taxes, audits, estates, small business consulting, payroll processing, business valuations, litigation support and more. CRI has been serving this area since the 1980s and is now looking for a more central location to serve its clients.

“Grand Boulevard offers our firm an easily accessible, high-profile location with a multitude of convenient on-site amenities, including two Marriott hotels and a variety of restaurants that can serve as alternate meeting spaces,” stated Steve Riggs, partner of CRI. “When we meet clients, we can walk to a number of great restaurants while continuing the business discussion and not lose momentum.”

CRI’s new office will be located at 500 Grand Boulevard, the same building as Mitchell’s Fish Market and J. Crew-at-the-beach. The entrance is located on the south side of the building, facing Emerald Coast Parkway, with available client parking.

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Howard Group is a portfolio real estate development company specializing in premier commercial, hospitality and residential developments in Northwest Florida. Established in 1988, Howard Group is responsible for the development of the acclaimed Silver Sands Factory Stores, the nation's largest designer outlet center. Howard Group's latest project is the distinctive Grand Boulevard at Sandestin® Town Center, which includes two Marriott hotels, exclusive shops, destination restaurants, state-of-the-art office space and a lush park. The company has also developed several upscale gulf-front resort and residential communities such as Vizcaya at Dune Allen and Stallworth Preserve. Heron Harbor is a future project in Destin that is being designed as a mixed-use community that will include retail, office, residential and marina components. A diverse and visionary company, Howard Group places a primary emphasis on sustainable and responsible development of prime real estate. For more information, visit howardgrp.com or call (850) 837-1886.

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From left to right: Steve Riggs, partner of CRI with Merlin Allan, Vice President of Real Estate for Howard Group