

## **RSM McGladrey Acquires Messina, Ceci, Archer & Company; Combined Operation Will Provide Clients With Access to Expanded Services, Resources**

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MINNEAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 1, 2001--RSM McGladrey, Inc., a national accounting, tax and consulting firm serving mid-sized businesses, has acquired the non-attest business of Messina, Ceci, Archer & Co. (MCA) of Stamford and Greenwich, Conn. MCA serves mid-size business clients in Connecticut's Greater Fairfield Area.

"MCA's excellent reputation for serving the needs of closely-held, owner-managed businesses and not-for-profits, combined with RSM McGladrey's national resources, will provide mid-sized clients with the unique advisory services they need," said Tom Rotherham, chief executive officer of RSM McGladrey.

"We see many benefits in being part of a strong national firm that shares our commitment to providing one-stop solutions for owner-managed businesses and individuals," said Anthony D. Ceci Jr., MCA president. "Joining RSM McGladrey enables us to expand services to our clients and to continue to provide close personal attention, which is our hallmark."

To ensure independence for attest services, including audits and reviews, MCA's attest assets have been transferred to McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, a Minneapolis-based, independently owned national CPA firm.

Messina, Ceci, Archer & Co. has served Greater Fairfield County businesses and individuals for 16 years. The firm's 40 professionals serve clients in a variety of industries, including construction and real estate companies, not-for-profit organizations, professional services firms, manufacturing, wholesale and distribution companies, and retail companies. No staff changes are anticipated, according to Ceci, who said clients will continue to be served by the same service teams.

RSM McGladrey, Inc. is a leading national accounting, tax and consulting firm that focuses on serving the needs of fast-growing, mid-sized companies. With more than 3,000 employees and 100 offices nationwide, RSM McGladrey is the U.S. member of RSM McGladrey International, the seventh-largest accounting, tax and consulting organization in the world, and is a subsidiary of H&R Block (NYSE:HRB).

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