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**Powers Joins GBQ as Assurance Partner**  
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**Columbus, OH, July 29, 2009:** GBQ Partners LLC is pleased to announce the addition of Thomas J. Powers, CPA as Director, Assurance & Business Advisory Services.

Mr. Powers comes to GBQ with more than 20 years of audit, accounting and business advisory experience. Prior to joining GBQ, Tom was at Ernst & Young LLP, serving as an assurance and advisory business services partner in the Columbus office.

"Part of our strategy at GBQ has been to grow by adding highly skilled professionals to our team. Tom will bring top-flight Big 4 Assurance expertise. He has built a great network of contacts amongst Central Ohio middle-market companies which is our sweet spot. We are really excited to have Tom join our team here at GBQ," said Wade Kozich, Managing Director.

"We are very excited to have Tom join GBQ. His experience in the middle market will complement skills we already have and will strengthen our offering to that market. Attracting someone of Tom's caliber to GBQ will allow for continued growth of our practice," adds Paul Anderson, Director of Assurance Services.

Tom has extensive experience in serving both public and privately owned companies in many industries including automotive, retail and restaurants, software and technology, real estate and consumer and industrial products. Tom also served as Ernst & Young's Japanese Business Services leader in the North Central area. In addition to his experience in providing assurance services, he has extensive experience in advising companies on SEC (US SOX) and Japanese (JSOX) internal control requirements, mergers and acquisitions and various complex accounting issues.

Tom is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants (OSCPA). His education includes a Bachelor of Business Administration from Ohio Northern University.

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