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GBQ Recognized as IPA Best of the Best Accounting Firm

Columbus, OH, August 31, 2020: GBQ is proud to announce it has earned the recognition of being named an INSIDE Public Accounting (IPA) Best of the Best Firm, designed to honor 50 of the country's highest-performing CPA firms.

The right combination of planning, strategy and execution distinguish Best of the Best firms from among more than 540 responses received this year for IPA's 30th Annual Survey and Analysis of Firms. The list of top performers within the profession, ranked on more than 50 metrics, were selected exclusively on their performance in specific critical areas of management, growth and strategic vision.

"Best of the Best firms represent the top performers of their peer group, which is an exceptional accomplishment in the competitive world of public accounting. They excel by leaning in to help clients, being proactive, and seeking solutions – not just selling services," says Michael Platt, principal of the Platt Group and publisher of the accounting trade publication, *INSIDE Public Accounting*. "And while most firms can boast 'having good people,' one hallmark that is common across Best of the Best firms is their ability to leverage their team and create employee opportunities by building a work environment that team members are excited about and proud to work for."

GBQ Managing Darci Congrove shared, "GBQ is proud to be recognized amongst our peers by IPA. We have strong metrics because we have great clients and an outstanding team." Recently, GBQ ranked #117 on the IPA Top 200 list made up of firms ranging in size from $20 million to $39.5 million.

This is GBQ's ninth appearance on the IPA Best of the Best list: 2000-2001, 2004, 2010-2013, 2016 and 2020. To view the list of firms in its entirety, click here.

About GBQ
At GBQ, our purpose is clear: we empower growth; growth of our people, our communities and our clients' businesses. A top tax, accounting and consulting firm for more than 67 years, we're driven by the outcomes that we know can change the lives of those we work with and for. We've learned that *this* is what matters most to our stakeholders. It is this purpose that drives and inspires us every day. It's why we exist.

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