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AH&T Insurance Selected as one of *Business Insurance's* Best Places to Work

Leesburg, VA – October 26, 2009 – AH&T Insurance has earned recognition as one of the Best Places to Work in Insurance by *Business Insurance*. AH&T earned this distinction after an in-depth assessment of workplace benefits, policies and practices, and an evaluation of their employees' engagement and satisfaction. Inclusion on this list makes AH&T "part of an elite group of employers that have created high-quality workplaces that encourage employees to thrive in a work environment they can love," noted Rodd Zolkos of *Business Insurance*.

Alex Green, President of AH&T Insurance remarked, "AH&T is known for its innovative solutions, expertise and culture. We have created a stimulating environment for our employees to grow as the agency grows. It is an honor to be recognized by *Business Insurance* as one of the Best Places to Work in Insurance."

Competition for the 2009 Best Places to Work in Insurance was open to all publicly or privately held insurers, agents and brokers with at least 25 employees working in the United States and serving the commercial lines market. The competition involved a two-part process including a confidential 76 question employee engagement and satisfaction survey accounting for 75% of a company's score, and an employer questionnaire accounting for 25% of the score. The employee questionnaire examined areas such as leadership and planning, corporate culture and communications, role satisfaction, work environment, relationship with supervisors, and training and development.

Despite the difficult economy's effect on businesses, "The companies that are doing it right are doing it really right," said Peter Burke, President of Best Companies Group, the independent workplace excellence research firm that analyzed the survey results. "Great places to work aren't immune to bad things happening to them," Mr. Burke said. "But the high-quality workplaces are able to handle it better because of the high level of employee engagement."

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AH&T Insurance is an insurance brokerage, risk management consulting, employee benefits, surety bond and retirement planning services organization dedicated to providing innovative solutions globally for business and individuals. AH&T is employee-owned and one of the largest independent insurance brokerages in the nation, with offices in Leesburg, Virginia and Seattle, Washington. AH&T is a partner of the RiskProNet and TechAssure global broker networks. For more information about AH&T, visit www.ahtins.com or call (800) 648-4807.

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