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THREE COMPANIES RECEIVE THE 2017 SOCIETAS AWARD FOR RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE CONDUCT

Center Valley, PA / February 2, 2017 – The Forum for Ethics in the Workplace announced the winners of the 2017 Societas Award for Responsible Corporate Conduct. **BerkOne** of Bethlehem received the Large Company award, **Concannon Miller** of Bethlehem was selected as the Mid-size Company, and **KMRD Partners, Inc.** of Warrington was the Small Company recipient. The companies were honored and presented with their awards on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at DeSales University in Center Valley.

The Societas Award competition is open to any company headquartered in Eastern Pennsylvania. To be considered for the award, companies apply or are nominated, and submit detailed information about their business that addresses recognized elements of ethical business practices such as accountability in all levels of the organization, strong compliance systems, and corporate citizenship.

The competition was first introduced in 2011 with the goal of honoring real companies that apply ethical business practices in their day-to-day operations. Previous winners include Lafayette Ambassador Bank, Jaindl Companies, Barry Isett & Associates, Air Products, and EcoTech Marine.

Kevin Flemming, president of Integrity Personnel and chairman of the award committee congratulated all three winners: “This year’s winners and finalists demonstrate the highest levels of ethical standards within their organizations and provide models for businesses of any size to follow. We are excited to share their stories and share their example that ethical practices and business success are not mutually exclusive.”

Plaques were also presented to the 2017 finalists: James Funeral Home & Cremation Services, PC, MKSD Architects, and Boyle Construction. The award ceremony featured a multi-media presentation highlighting this year's finalists and honoring the continued pursuit of ethical practices of past winners and nominees.

The Forum for Ethics in the Workplace is a not-for profit, wholly-owned subsidiary of DeSales University in Center Valley, PA. The Forum seeks to provide opportunities for people to come together for study, reflection, conversation, and action on ethical issues in the workplace. The Forum hosts a quarterly breakfast series at DeSales that feature guest lectures on topics of controversy or current interests that have real-world ethical implications. More information can be found on the Forum's website at www.ethicsforum.org.