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**GEFFEN MESHER & COMPANY, P.C. ANNOUNCES
SENIOR MANAGER PHIL HAYES EARNS PRESTIGIOUS CFE DESIGNATION**

PORTLAND, OR. – December 19, 2011 - Geffen Mesher & Company, P.C., one of Portland's largest locally owned accounting and business consulting firms, is pleased to announce that **Phil Hayes**, senior manager, has earned the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners' (ACFE's) prestigious Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) designation, which denotes proven expertise in fraud prevention, detection and deterrence. With over 55,000 members worldwide, ACFE is the world's largest anti-fraud organization and premier provider of anti-fraud training and education.

Phil is a member of the firm's Forensic Accounting Practice. He has significant experience in evaluating the design and effectiveness of companies' internal control structures and identifying business and other operational improvement opportunities. Phil has served clients in a variety of industries, including manufacturing, distribution, energy and technology.

"This accreditation adds to the wide range of knowledge and expertise Geffen Mesher offers, particularly to privately held, middle market companies that are more frequently the victim of fraud," said Michael Rompa, Managing Shareholder.

CFEs are trained to identify the warning signs and red flags that indicate evidence of fraud and fraud risk. CFEs around the world help protect the global economy by uncovering fraud and implementing processes to prevent fraud from occurring in the first place.

Phil has successfully met the ACFE's character, experience and education requirements for the CFE credential, and has demonstrated knowledge in four areas critical to the fight against fraud: Fraudulent Financial Transactions, Criminology & Ethics, Legal Elements of Fraud and Fraud Investigation.

About Geffen Mesher & Company, P.C.

Established in the 1930s, Geffen Mesher and its growing staff of almost 90 serve hundreds of closely held businesses, business owners and high net-worth individuals, some for several generations. Commitment to excellence, relationships and professional growth are hallmarks of this locally owned firm.

About the ACFE

The ACFE is the world's largest anti-fraud organization and premier provider of anti-fraud training and education. Together with nearly 55,000 members, the ACFE is reducing business fraud world-wide and inspiring public confidence in the integrity and objectivity within the profession. Identified as “the premier financial sleuthing organization” by *The Wall Street Journal*, the ACFE has captured national and international media attention. For more information about the ACFE visit www.ACFE.com.

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