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PRESS RELEASE

TWO OF REGION'S TOP ACCOUNTING FIRMS ANNOUNCE MERGER

SACRAMENTO, CA, OCTOBER 4, 2010 – **GALLINA LLP and Burnett + Company LLP**, two of the Sacramento Region's top accounting firms, announced they merged operations effective October 1, 2010. Under the terms of the agreement, Burnett + Company LLP will assume the GALLINA LLP name and Steve Burnett, managing partner and founder of Burnett + Company LLP, will serve on GALLINA LLP's executive committee.

Steve Burnett, a former partner at GALLINA LLP, went on to establish Burnett + Company LLP in 1983. "Great timing and mutual respect brought us back together as we realized the immense potential for our clients by merging two highly-successful firms," said Burnett. "A casual conversation took an opportunistic turn as we realized how well our combined firms would truly complement our clients, and how this merger will also benefit many new clients by expanding the services both firms could provide independently."

"Burnett + Company LLP specialized in industries that are synergistic with our clients; we complement each other's established practice areas," added Larry Taylor, Managing Partner of GALLINA LLP. "Two firms that are nationally recognized for their expertise in construction and real estate have now combined to become, what our clients will find, to be a truly powerful partnership that will exceed our clients' expectations." Industries serviced also include agriculture, manufacturing, mining, and retail.

The merger represents continued growth for GALLINA LLP which was established in Sacramento in 1972 and is recognized as one of California's largest regional accounting firms with offices in Sacramento, Roseville, Walnut Creek, San Jose, San Bruno, Novato, Reno, Seattle, and now Rancho Cordova. GALLINA LLP is ranked the 19th largest firm in California by CalCPA and recently ranked 115 by Inside Public Accounting 2010 in the top 200 firms in the United States.

GALLINA LLP plans to move their Sacramento office currently located at 8001 Folsom Blvd., into Burnett + Company LLP's 2870 Gold Tailings Court office in Rancho Cordova. All other offices will remain at their current locations. There are no plans to eliminate any positions as a result of the merger.



Larry Taylor, CPA
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Burnett + Company LLP, Managing Partner

ABOUT GALLINA LLP

GALLINA LLP is a full-service firm with niches in construction, real estate, and government, in addition to offering services to a broad range of other businesses and individuals. The firm is headquartered in Sacramento and has been opening doors to success for their clients' since 1972. GALLINA LLP has a wide range of experience in accounting, auditing, tax planning, succession planning, claims consulting, and business management consulting. GALLINA LLP serves its clients through offices in Sacramento, Roseville, Walnut Creek, San Jose, Novato, San Bruno, Reno, Seattle, and now Rancho Cordova. The firm's general client base spans the Western Regional states, but specialty services are provided to small, mid-sized, and multi-national corporations throughout the entire United States.