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Watkins Insurance Group Celebrates 5 Years as a 'Best Place to Work'

Austin Business Journal Recognizes Watkins Insurance Group Again for Outstanding Work Environment

Austin, TX – May12, 2011 – Watkins Insurance Group, one of the largest and fastest-growing independent insurance agencies in Texas, is once again ranked on the *Austin Business Journals*' annual list of Best Places to Work. The *Austin Business Journal* recognized Watkins Insurance Group for its outstanding work environment, ranking Watkins #12 on its list of medium-sized businesses.

"Patrick Watkins, the other partners and myself are so excited are that our offices have earned this distinction for five consecutive years." Sheila Noxon, Operations Manager, continued, "This award is particularly special to us as it reflects a team that is seeing daily recognition for their efforts. It is the awesome teamwork and dynamics we [management] witness each week that have made Watkins Insurance Group so successful. Our team members are truly our strength and we sincerely thank them for all they do."

On May 11th the *Austin Business Journal* honored their top 60 companies to work for in Central Texas. Watkins Insurance Group's Austin and Marble Falls offices were one of the 26 businesses in the medium-size category that were presented awards. Last year, they ranked 5th out of 20 medium sized businesses that employ 51-200 individuals. In 2009 the company placed 11th. In 2007 and 2008, Watkins Insurance Group ranked 17 out of 20 small businesses that employ 10-50 people. The ranking is based entirely on responses to an online employee satisfaction survey, which polls at least 85 percent of the employees in each company.

About Watkins Insurance Group

Founded in Austin in 1949, Watkins Insurance Group is one of the largest and fastest-growing independent insurance agencies in Texas. Headquartered and in Austin, Watkins Insurance Group has seven locations throughout Texas, including offices in Marble Falls, Waco, Longview, Tyler, Mineola and Holly Lake.

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