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Advocacy & Communication Solutions Honored as Top 10 Business with Fewer than 10 Employees by Cleveland Small Business Organization

CLEVELAND — The northeast Ohio small business chamber of commerce - Council of Smaller Enterprises - has named Advocacy & Communication Solutions LLC a “Ten Under 10” award winner. This Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE) award is given annually to 10 small businesses with 10 employees or fewer to honor their ability to innovate, grow and reach ambitious goals.

Advocacy & Communication Solutions (ACS) is one of the only female and minority owned political consulting firms in Ohio. Headquartered in Cleveland, the firm offers strategic communications, government relations, policy analysis, media relations and strategy development services to national, state and local organizations.

Lori McClung and Scarlett Boudier founded ACS after they served as legislative and communication staffers within the education; health and human services; and workforce and economic development sectors at the local, state and national level. The firm has offices in Cleveland, Columbus, Washington D.C., and Arizona.

“We are extremely honored to be chosen by COSE as a Ten Under 10 winner,” McClung said. “Scarlett and I started our business with the fundamental belief that our previous experience at non-profits, for-profits and in the government sector would allow us to be successful, not only for ourselves, but for our clients, too. We are personally committed to the issues we choose to take on, and we’re fortunate that we are able to focus our expertise to help our clients positively impact their communities.”

For the COSE Ten Under 10, ACS was honored, in part, for its growth. The firm has grown 330 percent since launching in 2004. The firm has developed and implemented dozens of lobbying, and communications, strategies at the local state and national level for early childhood, K-12 education, workforce development, arts, healthcare and health and human services. A snapshot of their clients are Columbus City Schools, Towards Employment of Cleveland, and Every Child Succeeds of Cincinnati.

“Every day we try to remember the motto: Do what you like and like what you do,” Boudier said. “For the last seven years, we’ve had the great good fortune to do just that. And it’s led to many successes for our clients and for our company.”

COSE honored ACS and nine other companies at its 2011 Small Business Conference this week in Cleveland.

About Advocacy & Communication Solutions LLC: ACS helps our clients understand the power, importance and added value that strategic advocacy and communication can bring to the mission of their organizations and the communities they serve. The ACS team has a fundamental belief that our success and that of our clients is directly related to having been in their shoes. By having a unique understanding, being committed to the issues and maintaining a strategic portfolio, we are able to focus our expertise and garner significant successes for our clients.

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