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**Northeast Ohio's Top Deal Makers to be Honored at
ACG Cleveland's 18th Annual Deal Maker Awards Event**

CLEVELAND – January 14, 2014 – ACG Cleveland, Northeast Ohio's preeminent organization for merger and acquisition and corporate growth professionals, will recognize the winners of its 18th Annual ACG Cleveland Deal Maker Awards on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Convention Center.

The Deal Maker Awards honor Northeast Ohio's top corporate deal makers for demonstrated success in using acquisitions, divestitures, financings and other transactions to fuel sustainable growth. The 2014 Deal Maker Awards winners are:

American Greetings Corporation (Cleveland, OH)

American Greetings Corporation is one of the world's largest creators, manufacturers and distributors of innovative social expression products generating annual revenues of approximately \$1.9 billion. In August 2013, the Weiss Family completed its acquisition of American Greetings for \$19 per share – a transaction valued at approximately \$870 million – with plans to return the company to its roots as a family-owned business. American Greetings continues to be a leading player in the \$6 billion retail market for greeting cards, holding an estimated 40- to 45-percent share of the U.S. greeting card market.

PolyOne Corporation (Avon Lake, OH)

PolyOne Corporation is a premier global provider of specialized polymer materials, services and solutions with fiscal 2012 revenues of \$2.9 billion. During the past two years, PolyOne has made three significant acquisitions – including Spartech Corporation, which had annual revenues of \$1.1 billion and ColorMatrix, a leader in liquid colorants and high performance additive technologies. As the company has transformed from a focus on commodity applications to one of specialty, high-value solutions, it has also divested its non-core assets. This included the May 2013 sale of its vinyl dispersion, blending and suspension resin business for \$250 million. As a result of executing the company's proven strategy, PolyOne has delivered a remarkable 16 consecutive quarters of double-digit adjusted EPS growth.

Evolution Capital Partners (Cleveland, OH)

Evolution Capital Partners is a private equity fund that invests in second-stage companies. The firm specializes in helping entrepreneurial businesses transform and scale their organization by providing capital, management, infrastructure and resources. Evolution has provided excellent returns to its limited partners through four exit events in its first fund, including the distribution of 3.1 times capital as of September 30, 2013. Within the past 15 months, Evolution has invested approximately 45 percent of its committed capital for Fund II in three portfolio companies, Lewellyn Technology, Budco Financial Services, and Axiom Sales Force Development. It has also exited two others, The Accurate Group and American Eagle Mortgage.

The Riverside Company (Cleveland, OH)

The Riverside Company is one of the largest and oldest global private equity firms focused on the smaller end of the middle market, investing in growing enterprises valued at up to \$250 million. The firm's global portfolio includes more than 75 companies. As The Riverside Company marked its 25th anniversary in 2013, it has grown to manage more than \$4.2 billion in four fund families and currently employs approximately 220 professionals worldwide. The firm has completed 325 deals throughout its history, including 56 acquisitions and 21 divestitures during the past two years. Its largest-ever fund was closed in 2013.

About the Association for Corporate Growth

Founded in 1954, the Association for Corporate Growth, Inc. is the premier global association for professionals involved in corporate growth, corporate development, and mergers and acquisitions. Today, ACG stands at more than 14,000 members from corporations, private equity, finance and professional service firms representing Fortune 500, Fortune 1000, FTSE 100 and mid-market companies in 56 chapters in North America and Europe. For more information, visit www.acg.org.

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