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## ACAI Named Finalist for Best Places to Work Award

Fort Lauderdale, FL (March 2008) -- The South Florida Business Journal released this month their list of companies receiving their prestigious "Best Places to Work" award. ACAI Associates, Inc. -- a minority-owned company with extensive experience in architecture, master planning, programming, and construction management -- was recognized as a finalist in the competition.

"Being a finalist is a tremendous achievement," said Kelly Cozzens, business development manager for the South Florida Business Journal, "because this award is employee driven and is based in large part on their satisfaction of the companies for which they work. Only the very top echelon of companies, paired with the highest employee participation, made the finalist cut as best places to work."

More than 100 firms were evaluated by an outsourced market research company based on the requested criteria. The competition examined everything from companies' benefits packages and employee perks to work environment and participation in charitable activities. Employees were asked to respond to a confidential survey provided by the research company.

"A company is only as good as its employees, so we work hard to create a world-class work environment for our team. There are no shortcuts. We want ACAI Associates to be a fun, challenging and rewarding place to work, and I'm proud that our efforts have been recognized," states Adolfo J. Cotilla, AIA, president of ACAI Associates.

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