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Paxen Recognized for “SMART” Business Strategy By Central Florida’s Leading Corporate Growth Professionals

Melbourne, Florida – Paxen Learning, a premier provider of outcome-based educational and employability programs for at-risk learners, has been recognized by Central Florida’s leading corporate professionals for its excellent business strategy and operation. The company was honored with a highly-coveted SMART Award by the Orlando Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG Orlando).

The annual SMART Awards recognize three Central Florida small and middle market companies—with annual sales between \$10 million and \$1 billion—that set new standards for operating excellence. Selection criteria include quantitative factors such as demonstrated growth in revenue and profitability, and subjective factors such as quality of corporate culture and demonstrated community involvement.

“This is a fantastic achievement that was made possible thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our entire Paxen team,” said Herb Hilderley, CEO of Paxen Learning. “It is only through a focused, disciplined business strategy that we are able to provide the high level of programs that can have a significant, positive impact to at-risk learners.”

Each year, Paxen positively influences the lives of thousands of at-risk youth and young adults across the nation through its outcome-based educational and employability programs. The company’s commitment and ability to operate efficiently and profitably have allowed it to achieve its mission of helping these at-risk learners build self esteem, develop social and work skills, and secure and succeed in jobs.

Unique in the industry, Paxen is both a publisher of educational materials and a turn-key provider of educational programs that canvass three core areas—academic, life and job skills. Each year throughout the United States, thousands graduate from Paxen programs—typically at higher rates than national averages—on their journey toward meaningful employment. A testament to the company’s success, Paxen continues to broaden its reach and enhance its offerings through new and expanded programs.

Beyond offering education and job-skills training, Paxen works closely with workforce development agencies, community organizations and employers to stimulate job opportunities for its program graduates.

The Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) is the global community for M&A and corporate growth professionals, helping connect capital with opportunity. ACG provides its members with the research, tools and networking opportunities to grow their businesses and themselves

professionally. ACG Orlando is focused on educating growing businesses in the Central Florida market and facilitating relationship building between these companies, capital sources and professionals active in corporate finance in the Central Florida market.

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About Paxen Learning

Paxen Learning specializes in developing and delivering outcome-based educational programs that build academic and employability skills for at-risk youths and adults. Each year, thousands graduate from Paxen programs on their journey toward meaningful employment. The company currently operates 25 programs in 10 states. Its clients and partners include the American Hotel and Lodging Association, Blackboard, Department of Defense, Department of Juvenile Justice, Indiana University High School, Home Builders Institute, National Guard Bureau, The Florida and Hawaii National Guards, state Departments of Labor, and local Workforce Investment Boards. The 25-year-old private, for-profit company is headquartered in Melbourne, Florida, with offices in Tallahassee, Florida, and Maui, Hawaii.

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