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**THE SQUIRES GROUP IS RECOGNIZED AS A TOP SMALL COMPANY
BY *INC.* MAGAZINE AND WINNING WORKPLACES**

Annapolis, MD, May 25, 2011— The Squires Group, Inc. (TGSi), an IT consulting and career placement firm in Annapolis, MD., was announced as a winner of the *Inc.* magazine and Winning Workplaces 2011 Top Small Company Workplaces competition—an annual contest that recognizes the nation’s best small and mid-sized company work environments.

Every year since 2003, Winning Workplaces, an Evanston, IL-based nonprofit organization, has recognized those firms that attribute much of their business success to their commitment to exemplary people practices and outstanding workplace cultures.

Winning Workplaces and *Inc.* received nearly 350 completed applications for the contest. A national panel of experts in leadership and small to mid-sized business judged the finalists. Selections were based on specific metrics and qualitative assessments of the finalists’ success in creating the kind of workplaces that engage employees and deliver bottom-line results.

Since its foundation in 1994, TSGi has always strived to provide its employees with rewards of appreciation, including complimentary tickets to Baltimore Orioles baseball games, summer crab feasts, \$1,500 referral bonuses and a homey office atmosphere that encourages employees to stay. "I'm so proud of this recognition for our team," says Nancy Squires, CEO of TSGi. "This award illustrates how treating everyone with professionalism, integrity, and trust builds a successful and well-respected company with employees that stick with you."

"This year’s winning firms distinguish themselves in so many ways," asserts Ken Lehman, chairman of Winning Workplaces. "They are steadily growing their revenues, often outperforming their industries; have identified niches where they add unmatched value; and are guided by strong missions and values. And, they make no secret of the fact that a key driver behind their success is their engaged and committed workforces."

"These firms represent some of the finest privately held companies in the world," states Bob LaPointe, president of *Inc.* "Their stories, appearing in the June issue of *Inc.*, clearly demonstrate that taking an innovative approach to creating the right culture—one in

which human capital is embedded in a company's value proposition—can create *real* competitive leadership. Each of these Top Small Company Workplaces offers an environment in which people flourish and, as a result, profit follows.”

About The Squires Group, Inc.

The Squires Group, Inc. is a WBENC certified woman-owned, professional services firm, founded in 1994 with its principal operations located in Annapolis, Maryland. TSGi specializes in ERP consulting and career placement for process reengineering, change management, implementation, upgrades, and web-enabled integration of IT solutions. TSGi provides short to long-term services for mid to tier-one commercial and Federal clients throughout the DC Metro region. In 2010, *Inc.* magazine ranked TSGi No. 2563 on its annual Inc. 5000 – an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. For more information please visit: www.squiresgroup.com.

About *Inc.* Magazine

Founded in 1979 and acquired in 2005 by Mansueto Ventures, *Inc.* magazine (www.inc.com) is the only major business magazine dedicated exclusively to owners and managers of growing private companies that delivers real solutions for today's innovative company builders. With a total paid circulation of 708,450, *Inc.* provides hands-on tools and market-tested strategies for managing people, finances, sales, marketing and technology.

About Winning Workplaces

Winning Workplaces (www.winningworkplaces.org) is an Evanston, IL-based not-for-profit, whose mission is to help the leaders of small and mid-sized organizations create great workplaces. Founded in 2001, Winning Workplaces serves as a clearinghouse of information on workplace best practices, provides seminars and workshops on workplace-related topics and inspires and awards top workplaces through its annual Top Small Company Workplaces initiative.

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