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ICW Group Named “Company of the Year” At NIIA 64th Annual Convention

*Super Regional Insurance Carrier Recognized For Outstanding Service and
Commitment to Organization’s Members*

Squaw Valley, CA — ICW Group, a super regional property & casualty insurance company, has been named the 2009-2010 “Company of the Year” by the Nevada Independent Insurance Agents (NIIA).

“We are truly proud to win such a prestigious award from the leading insurance organization serving the state of Nevada,” said Kevin Prior, president and CEO for ICW Group. “We are especially pleased because the award was voted on by Nevada’s agent and broker constituency.” Formed in 1946, the NIIA is an affiliate of The Independent Agents & Brokers of America (IIABA), and consists of leading insurance agencies, carriers, and industry related service companies throughout the state of Nevada. The NIIA named ICW Group “Company of the Year” at its Annual Convention held June 13-15 in Squaw Valley, CA. The award was based upon ICW Group’s unparalleled service and commitment to the association’s members.

“At ICW Group, our unique focus is to elevate our agents and brokers in the eyes of their clients,” said Prior. “I am particularly proud of how our entire Nevada team, including underwriting, risk management and claims have been recognized for their unwavering dedication to achieving this goal. By continually meeting the needs of our agents and our insureds, we are helping our agents be more successful and delivering upon our company’s unique value proposition.”

This award comes on the heels of several other prestigious recognitions garnered recently by ICW Group. Earlier this month, the company was named winner of the Property & Casualty Early Adopter Award for XML Transactions at the 2010 ACORD LOMA Insurance System Forum held in Las Vegas, Nevada. In May, *Insurance Journal Magazine* identified ICW Group as one of 165 "Super Regional Property/Casualty Insurers™" for 2010.

About ICW Group

Privately held ICW Group is a super regional carrier representing a group of multi-line property and casualty insurance companies providing workers' compensation, surety, earthquake and personal and business auto insurance. Its member companies consist of Insurance Company of the West, Explorer Insurance Company and Independence Casualty and Surety. Based in San Diego, ICW Group continues to transform itself into an insurance industry leader dedicated to meeting the needs of its Agents and Brokers and the people and companies they insure. More information is available at www.icwgroup.com.

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