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Leading Edge Alliance named second largest International association

- PRIMEXIS is a member of LEA Global / The Leading Edge Alliance ranked by the *International Accounting Bulletin (IAB)* as the second largest international association of independent accounting firms for 2012 -

The LEA Global is an international alliance of independently owned accounting and consulting firms. Established in 1999, The LEA has more than 180 member firms worldwide with collective revenues of 2.6 billion USD. There are approximately 100 countries represented in the association.

"By utilizing technology, developing innovative special interest groups, and connecting internationally to the knowledge of our member firms, **LEA Global members are able to compete on a substantial scale, throughout the country and across the globe,**" stated **Michael Davis, Managing Partner HW Fisher & Company, London & LEA Chair**. "LEA provides the resources that support their consistent growth and, subsequently, its own. The combined knowledge of the many top firms in LEA is shared across all firms, and contributes to the continuing success of each

"When the idea for LEA was conceived, the plan was to introduce an independent association that helped firms compete with the Big Four. The competitive landscape changed since our inception in 1999 as other large national and regional firms emerged. Yet the continued growth of the Alliance is a testament to the independent successes of member firms and their ability to understand and proactively deal with new challenges.

The appeal of an accomplished association that consistently meets the needs of its membership is indisputable," said **Gary Shamis, Managing Partner SS&G Financial Services, Inc. & LEA Chair Emeritus**. "Accounting has come out of the dark ages. The most successful firms operate as strategic businesses, and this view extends to its client base, centers of influence and the alliance it belongs to. Over the past 12 years, **LEA's success has proven that the attention and support it provides to its members, including their overall operations special interest groups, has been a major factor in the success of its member firms.**"

About PRIMEXIS (www.primexis.eu)

A major player in the accounting sector driven to support French and international corporate groups and subsidiaries for over 30 years, PRIMEXIS is now a firm of 280 employees based in Paris-La Défense with a consolidated turnover of \$32 million. The firm is also unique for its "specialization" strategy with seven departments containing a range of sector expertise: Interim Management and Accounting Support (industry & services, banking, insurance); Organization and Information Systems Consultancy; Group Consolidation and Reporting; Real Estate/Public Sector; International Business Services; Payroll and HR Administration; Transaction Services.

In 2009, PRIMEXIS is joining the global alliance THE LEADING EDGE ALLIANCE, the second largest group of independently owned accounting and consulting firms.

In 2011, PRIMEXIS obtains ISAE 3402 and SSAE 16 international and U.S. certifications, which replace the SAS 70 standards to enhance the internal control of outsourced services.



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