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FIFTH YEAR FOR SAS 70 CERTIFICATION

For the fifth year in a row, First Rate has been distinguished as SAS 70 certified! “We continue to be the choice for a Performance Solution Partner by differentiating ourselves with our products and services including auditing our own procedures”, said Jeff Kunkel, First Rate’s Managing Director of Operations.

First Rate has been SAS 70 certified as conducted by Grant Thornton, LLP, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Statement on Auditing Standard (SAS) 70 defines the professional standards used by a service auditor to review the internal controls of a service organization and issue a service auditor report, which impacts the control environment of their customers.

“First Rate’s documented procedures and extraordinary security measures give our clients peace of mind”, said David Stone, First Rate’s CEO.

Results can be provided upon request from the First Rate marketing department.

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First Rate develops investment analysis and performance measurement software, and in addition provides support for back office processing, application hosting, disaster recovery, and consulting services. The First Rate Performance suite of applications provides complete portfolio tracking and reporting solutions specific to the investment professional’s needs. First Rate’s performance measurement tools assist investment managers in communicating the value of their investment strategies. Starting in 1991, First Rate, a Texas based company, offered one of the first performance measurement systems available in a Web-based environment and is used by more than 195 financial institutions and serves more than 10,000 investment professionals. For more information about First Rate, visit www.FirstRate.com