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W. Earl McCartney awarded CFO of the Year

WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK – Executive Vice President and CFO, W. Earl McCartney was honored as a recipient of the Hospitality Chief Financial Officer of the Year, awarded by Buffalo Business First. Buffalo Business First awards recipients with this distinction based upon several categories, including standards of professional ethics.

Mark Hamister, Chairman and CEO of The Hamister Group, Inc. remarked the achievement presented to Earl McCartney and The Hamister Group Inc. is a great acknowledgement of the past 33 years our company has upheld our commitment to business ethics excellence.

Each co-worker's commitment to personal and professional values, business ethics and a code of conduct in promoting the highest professional ethics and standards have remained at the core of our company's heritage and identity, and continue as the foundation for Our Values of *Honesty, Integrity, Work Ethic, Accountability, Respect and Trust*, as well as Our Philosophy: *Caring is Our Privilege*™.

Our Credo: *“Character is doing the right thing when no one is watching”*, is at the core of our culture and validates each co-worker’s personal commitment to corporate responsibility and ethics.

The Hamister Group, Inc. is a recognized leader in healthcare and hotel management and focuses on providing exceptional service for our customers and have earned a sterling reputation for delivering superior management results.. To learn more about The Hamister Group, Inc. please visit us at www.hamistergroup.com or call us at 716-839-4000.

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