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JAY MCDONALD HONORED BY VISTAGE INTERNATIONAL

ATLANTA (April, 2013) – Vistage International, the world's leading organization for CEO coaching and training, recently honored Jay M. McDonald with two prestigious awards, the Vistage 2012 Rookie of the Year and the Vistage 2012 Chair Excellence Award. Jay, a long-time, successful Atlanta CEO, chairs three peer leadership advisory groups for CEOs and Key Executives. As a chair, McDonald works in collaboration with the 760 other chairs worldwide that lead local area groups, which total more than 16,000 members in 15 countries.

With more than 30 years of experience as a serial entrepreneur, CEO, and owner in multiple venues and industries including commercial and investment banking, publishing, manufacturing, distribution, and technology an Atlanta business advisor, McDonald is one of Atlanta's leading business thought leaders. He coaches, mentors and advises over 50 highly motivated executives and boards from many industries who are the key decision makers and leaders for their organizations.

Ruby Randall, Vistage International's President and Chief Operating Officer said, "Jay is one of Vistage's rising stars. In a community of supremely successful business professionals, who now Chair peer advisory groups of likeminded high performing Chief Executive Officers. Jay has set himself apart. He has earned two of Vistage's top Chair awards within his first two years. I look forward to his continued success as a Vistage Chair for many, many years to come."

McDonald commented, "It's a special honor to be recognized by Vistage and to be among the other special chairs that were also recognized. Having spent a career leading businesses, it's a bit strange to be a 'Rookie,' but the opportunity to share my experiences, both good and bad, with leaders whose desire is continuous improvement, is rewarding as a way of giving back, in watching them grow personally and professionally before my eyes, and by seeing the many successes of their organizations. It is my Vistage members, mentors, fellow Chairs around the world, and the supporting cast at Vistage who deserve these accolades. Nothing that I've accomplished would have been possible without their encouragement, challenges, and common desire to push all of our limits."

After presenting the award to Jay in Atlanta, Phillip Thomas, Vistage International's Senior Vice President for the Eastern United States said, "Jay is a remarkable individual, with a unique blend of people and business skills. It is no wonder he received our Rookie of the Year and Chair Excellence awards for 2012. His care and concern for people naturally creates a winning environment, and we are proud to have a leader of his caliber with Vistage International in Atlanta."

In recognizing Jay, Larry Hawks, Executive Vice President-Field Operations for Vistage International said, "I congratulate Jay on his great 'out of the gate' accomplishments so early in his Vistage career. He has the secret formula of passion, skills, and perseverance...and a terrific network. His members are very fortunate to have him as their Chair."

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McDonald's professional background includes positions as CEO and Co-owner of Solare Solutions, LLC, President, CEO and Co-owner of Network Communications, Inc., Chairman and Co-founder of Middleton McDonald Group, Inc., Principal at The Breckenridge Group, Inc., President and Co-owner of The Wayne Watson Company and Senior Vice President at The Citizens and Southern National Bank. He serves on the Board of Directors for ECI Group in Atlanta, Compliance Depot, LLC, in Dallas, Buckhead Investment Partners in Atlanta, the Colgate Darden Graduate School of Business at the University of Virginia and the Frabel Art Foundation in Atlanta. He is a past member of the Governor's Council for Science and Technology Development, is a Leadership Georgia Alumnus, is Past President of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association, is Past President of Cherokee Town & Country Club, was an Olympic Torchbearer, and has been active with numerous civic and charitable organizations. He co-authored ***Corporate Banking: A Practical Approach to Lending***, published by the American Bankers Association. It was a valuable tool used to train bankers throughout the country. He has also been a featured speaker, nationwide, for numerous organizations.

McDonald received his MBA from the Colgate Darden Graduate School of Business Administration, University of Virginia and a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management, Georgia Institute of Technology.

About Vistage International

Founded in 1957, Vistage International, headquartered in San Diego, California, is the world's leading chief executive organization, serving more than 16,000 members in 15 countries. Vistage member CEOs participate in chair-led advisory board peer groups, receive one-to-one coaching, learn from expert speakers, and interact among a global network of CEOs representing a broad range of industries. For more information visit www.vistage.com.

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