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**LOCAL BUSINESSWOMAN HONORED
“40 UNDER 40” AWARDS**

(Bourne, MA – June 2010). Karen Gradowski, Registration Manager for Cape-Cod based Convention Data Services (CDS), has been honored and recognized as one of the recipients of the 2010 40 Under 40 Awards, which honors distinguished businesspeople under the age of 40. The program, created by Cape & Plymouth Business Magazine in conjunction with the Cape Cod Young Professionals and South Shore Young Professionals, spotlights the region’s top young business leaders who excel in their industry and show dynamic leadership.

Gradowski, a member of the Cape Cod Young Professionals group, was nominated for this honor for her outstanding achievement in business, leadership and ethics, and her community service. In her position as Registration Manager at Convention Data Services, she has proven her dedication to her profession and was recently chosen to lead the project team for the fifth largest trade show in the country.

Giving back to the community is a priority for Gradowski, who resides in Pocasset. She currently serves on several non-profit boards, including the Bourne Cultural Council and the Douglas J Fletcher Memorial Golf Tournament Committee, which raises funds to support the National Marine Life Center. She also volunteers at the Heritage Museum & Gardens in the areas of education, exhibition and automobile events.

About Cape Cod Young Professionals (www.capecodyoungprofessionals.org)

The Cape Cod Young Professionals is a grassroots organization created to cultivate and support the community by fostering its dedication to the educational, social, professional and civic development of future leaders in the local workforce. Since its inception over two years ago, the CCYP has attracted over 600 members in professions ranging from entrepreneurs to technology workers, to teachers and service providers.

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About Convention Data Services:

For over two decades, Convention Data Services (CDS), located in Bourne, has provided state-of-the-art registration, database management, exhibitor lead retrieval services and event marketing to the trade show industry, serving the needs of businesses and non-profit associations nationwide. For the 2nd year in a row, the company was recently named to the Inc 5000 list of fastest-growing private companies in the country.

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