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**RODNEY C. SOMMERS, CPA, JOINS NOVOGRADAC & COMPANY LLP'S
DOVER, OHIO OFFICE**

New Principal Strengthens Firm's Affordable Housing Expertise in the Midwest

San Francisco, Calif. — Novogradac & Company LLP, a national CPA and consulting firm headquartered in San Francisco, is proud to announce that Rodney C. Sommers, CPA, has joined the firm as a principal in the Dover, Ohio office.

"We are extremely pleased that Rodney is joining us," said Michael J. Novogradac, CPA, managing partner in Novogradac & Company's San Francisco office. "His experience in the real estate industry, especially the affordable housing sector, brings added strength to our Dover office and to those who produce and preserve affordable housing. I look forward to his many contributions."

Mr. Sommers has more than 18 years of experience with a strong emphasis on audit, specifically not-for-profit and real estate entities. "I am very excited about joining Novogradac and look forward to meeting and working with everyone. I am happy to be working for a firm where I will be able to use my previous experience in the real estate industry," he said.

"Rodney brings strong technical expertise to Dover and the entire firm in the areas of research and application of generally accepted accounting principles, HUD, government and not-for-profit auditing," said Daniel J. Smith, a partner in the Dover office. "He will be a great addition to our team and we look forward to him providing immediate value to our existing and future clients."

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Mr. Sommer's experience in the real estate industry has emphasized affordable housing projects, including those subject to the auditing requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He also has experience in a variety of other industries including construction, manufacturing and not-for-profit entities. Prior to joining Novogradac & Company LLP, Mr. Sommers was a director with McGladrey & Pullen LLP and RSM McGladrey Inc. He graduated from Kent State University and is licensed in Ohio as a certified public accountant. Mr. Sommers is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Ohio Society of CPAs and the Dover Rotary.

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