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**New Principals Join Novogradac's Cleveland and Walnut Creek, California, Offices**

Tracy Bender and Ryan DiLeo Bring Experience, Leadership to Novogradac

SAN FRANCISCO—Novogradac is pleased to announce that Tracy Bender and Ryan DiLeo have joined the firm as principals in the Cleveland and Walnut Creek, California, offices, respectively. Bender will work with Novogradac partner Thomas Boman while DiLeo will work with partner Nat Eng.

“My partners and I welcome Ryan and Tracy to the firm,” said Michael J. Novogradac, managing partner of Novogradac. “They will help us continue to expand the service and expertise we provide to our clients.”

Bender has spent all of her 21-year career with a regional CPA firm operating in northern Ohio, serving as a partner for the past six years. Her responsibilities included managing complex tax structures, international tax compliance, state and local taxation, mergers and acquisitions transactional consulting, and tax planning to assist clients in achieving business objectives, as well as review of corporate, pass-through and individual tax returns.

“I am excited to bring on a principal with as much experience as Tracy,” said Boman, a partner in the St. Louis office of Novogradac. “Tracy’s varied experience is an asset to Novogradac and our clients.”

DiLeo has nearly 15 years of experience in public accounting and most recently worked for a regional CPA firm in central Florida. Prior to that, he worked at Marcum, an accounting and advisory services firm, for many years. He has significant experience working with clients in the manufacturing and distribution, real estate, renewable energy, hospitality and employee benefit plan industries. He has experience in transactional work, including mergers and acquisitions, quality of earnings and due diligence.

“Ryan is certainly a welcomed addition to Novogradac,” said Eng, a partner in the Walnut Creek, California, office of Novogradac. “He brings an impressive track record of assisting clients across a number of different fields.”

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