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**SHRM-Atlanta Volunteer Teela Jackson Named Volunteer of the Year
by State Council**

ATLANTA (September 3, 2010) -- Teela Jackson, senior talent consultant at Talent Connections, LLC, has received the 2010 Volunteer of the Year Georgia Peach Award by the Society for Human Resources Management's (SHRM) Georgia State Council. She was nominated by the Atlanta chapter of SHRM for her commitment to the human resources profession and to the SHRM organization.

For SHRM-Atlanta, Ms. Jackson serves in a volunteer capacity as vice president of Professional Emphasis Groups (PEGs). In this role, she oversees the chairs and co-chairs (a total of 12 volunteers) of six different Atlanta-based PEGs. Ms. Jackson assists PEG leaders in developing topics and securing speakers for their bi-monthly meetings. She is also working toward implementing a new program, an expansion of the PEG concept into larger Communities of Practice (COP).

Recently, Ms. Jackson coordinated the 11 Alive Career Expo, a job search assistance telethon, cosponsored by SHRM-Atlanta and local television station 11 Alive. This event was organized in an effort to help the local Atlanta community, which has experienced unemployment rates even higher than the national average. Ms. Jackson recruited 100 volunteers, trained them and coordinated logistics with both SHRM-Atlanta and 11 Alive for this two-day live televised event.

"Teela Jackson is an exceptional volunteer leader who has demonstrated terrific organizational skills and passion for SHRM-Atlanta and the HR recruiting function," praised Chief Operating Officer Mary Lynn Miller. "SHRM-Atlanta is so proud of her accomplishments and this well-deserved award."

SHRM-Atlanta member and volunteer at the Career Expo Angela Jergler, PHR, human resources manager for SouthStar Energy Services, attested to Ms. Jackson's leadership saying, "I think Teela did an amazing job in organizing us before the Expo, choosing the right people to ensure it was a success and providing continuous communication and updates. Everything leading up to the Expo, and the event itself, went so smoothly...this is mainly due to Teela."

The Georgia Peach Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding ability to actively support, promote and develop the human resource profession across Georgia, through volunteer activities for the State Council.

About SHRM-Atlanta

SHRM-Atlanta, the Atlanta Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management, was founded in 1965, and has current membership of over 2200 individuals. SHRM-Atlanta seeks to promote the professionalism of the Human Resources Management field by offering members a wide variety of professional development opportunities and a common forum in which to share ideas and experiences. Serving the Atlanta HR professional, SHRM-Atlanta provides opportunities for career development and community involvement both inside and outside of the Chapter. SHRM-Atlanta – Working for a Better Atlanta! www.shrmatlanta.org

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