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Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte Hires Lynette Becnel

New Orleans (April 11, 2005) – Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte, L.L.P., one of the top-ten accounting firms in the city, recently announced a new hire. Ms. Lynette M. Becnel has joined the Certified Public Accounting and Consulting Firm as a Staff Accountant in the Audit Department.

Ms. Becnel graduated from the University of New Orleans in December 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. As an accountant with Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte, Ms. Becnel's current responsibilities include audits and compilations.

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