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**COLEMAN DATA SOLUTIONS HONORED AS EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR*****Award based on employment opportunities for the disabled***

**AKRON, Ohio (Oct. 18, 2005)** – Coleman Data Solutions, a data processing and imaging services company headquartered in Akron, was named Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission Southeast Job Placement Task Force *Large Employer of the Year*.

Coleman Data Solutions is an enterprise division of Coleman Professional Services, a Kent, Ohio-based private, non-profit corporation designed to help improve the lives of children, families, and businesses. Coleman Data Solutions employs an integrated workforce of over 200 individuals with disabilities and those who have no disabilities. Individuals with disabilities are provided job training through Coleman Professional Services in the areas of Data Entry and Office Technology. The Coleman job training program has had success in the areas of student retention (95%) and post-training job placement (96%) and removed 50 individuals from the welfare system in the year 2000 alone.

“Coleman Data Solutions had been selected as the *Large Employer of the Year* for their outstanding commitment to recognizing the abilities of individuals and providing employment opportunities to people with disabilities,” said Andrea Franks, employer services specialist for ORSC, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The award, to be presented by the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (ORSC) Southeast Job Placement Task Force, will honor Coleman Data Solutions for their endeavors in Stark County and surrounding areas in working with individuals who need special accommodations and for making a tremendous difference in the lives of those with disabilities. The third annual award ceremony will be held on October 18 in Canton, in which Coleman Data Solutions will be presented with the award as well as a Mayor Citation from Canton Mayor Janet Creighton and a Letter of Congratulations from Congressman Ralph Regula.

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Franks said recognition on the local level could help Coleman Data Solutions to build its nomination for the Ohio Governor's Council Employer of the Year award in August. The award, given by the Ohio Governor's Council on People with Disabilities, recognizes Ohio companies, based on their size, for significantly contributing to employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

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“We take pride in the fact that Coleman Data Solutions, which has had continual growth since its opening in 1988, has grown to \$7 million in annual sales with a highly integrated work force. We hope that the success of our disabled and non-disabled employees together in a work place will demonstrate to other employers that people with disabilities can comprise a viable and productive workforce,” said Coleman Professional Services CEO, Nelson Burns.

Coleman Data Solutions is located on Sanitarium Road in Akron. For more information on employment or services at Coleman Data Solutions call toll-free 1.800.929.7243 or visit [www.coleman-data.com](http://www.coleman-data.com). Coleman Professional Services' main offices are located on Rhodes Road in Kent. Call 1.800.673.347 or visit [www.coleman-professional.com](http://www.coleman-professional.com) for more information.

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\* At the time this award was presented, Coleman Data Solutions was named SAGE Computer Services.