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Clark Associates, Inc. is Fastest Growing Food Service Equipment and Supplies Dealer in Nation

(Lancaster, PA) – In a second consecutive down year for the food service industry, Clark Associates was able to maintain positive sales growth and now ranks as the fastest growing food service equipment and supplies dealer in the nation, according to *Foodservice Equipment & Supplies* magazine’s April 2010 rankings.

The magazine’s annual “Distribution Giants” list of the top 100 food service equipment and supplies dealers places Clark Associates at 12th, up ten spots from last year’s rankings. Within the top 20, Clark is only one of three companies showing positive growth. Most estimates place the total number of food service equipment and supplies dealers in the country slightly over 1,000.

To match the continued growth, Clark Associates recently purchased a third warehouse in the Conestoga Valley Industrial Park in Leola, Pa. This additional 95,000 square feet of warehouse space will allow the company to distribute inventory more efficiently to its three main channels, which include e-commerce, Clark Food Service Equipment, and the 6 cash-and-carry Restaurant Stores.

Increased national exposure has also helped fuel Clark Associates’ continued success. For example, the company’s e-commerce division partnered with the popular Fox television series *Kitchen Nightmares* this spring to provide restaurant supplies and equipment for the show’s dramatic restaurant turnarounds. Clark’s equipment contracting divisions also saw solid growth through their new Florida division, and the completion of design and equipment projects in over a dozen states.

About Clark Associates:

Clark Associates is a privately held company headquartered in Lancaster, PA. Employing over 350 people, Clark’s multiple divisions and branches in mechanical, sales, and manufacturing serve a variety of commercial food service customers nationwide. For more information on our business and history, please visit www.clarkinc.biz.

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