

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Creative Announces Tom Wheelock as Vice President and Director of Communities in Transition Division**

Washington, D.C., January 7, 2011—Creative Associates International, Inc announced today that Tom Wheelock has been named as the Vice President and Director of its Communities in Transition division. He succeeds Donald “Larry” Sampler, who has accepted a Senior Foreign Service appointment at the U.S. Agency for International Development, in this role.

Mr. Wheelock joined Creative in August 2009 as a Vice President of Program Management. He brings extensive international development experience in complex operations in, among other places, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Liberia. Prior to joining Creative, Mr. Wheelock was Vice President of Stability and Reconstruction Operations for the International Resources Group in Washington, D.C. There, he served as the director of USAID/Iraq’s infrastructure program in Baghdad and also managed infrastructure activities in Indonesia, Mali, Afghanistan and Liberia.

President & CEO, Charito Krivant noted, “our Communities in Transition division is acknowledged as an industry leader supporting USAID’s Office of Transition Initiatives and other clients. We are grateful to be able to draw upon Tom’s breadth of experience and to have his steady hand at the helm of CIT.”

In his new position, Mr. Wheelock will oversee a growing portfolio of programs and provide leadership to the firm’s Communities in Transition teams, including Elections, Youth-at-Risk, Human Rights and Civil Society, Political Transitions and Local Governance.

Mr. Wheelock earned a Master’s degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor of Science degree. He was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and the Purple Heart while on combat duty in Vietnam. During his Army career, Mr. Wheelock also served as a Middle East specialist at the National Security Council in the White House.

Creative Associates International, Inc. is a private, women and minority owned firm providing professional and technical services. Overseas, Creative works with underserved communities by sharing our expertise and experience in education, governance, stabilization, and transitions from conflict to peace.

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