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## **Fast Track 50 recognizes US Endoscopy for 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year**

Mentor, Ohio — October 4, 2005 — US Endoscopy, a world leader in endoscopy device design and manufacturing, today was a recipient of the Fast Track 50 Award for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Founded in 1993 by Peter Ferrante, Vice President of Investments of Wachovia Securities in Willoughby, the Fast Track 50 encourages and promotes economic development in Lake and Geauga counties of Ohio. The organization identifies and celebrates the 50 fastest growing companies and their commitment and impact in northeast Ohio's job market and economic vitality. The Fast Track 50 reviews applicants annually, naming US Endoscopy to this highly regarded list every year from 1999 to 2005.

"To stand among the fastest-growing corporations in Lake and Geauga counties is a clear testimony to US Endoscopy's ability to listen and deliver solutions to our customers on a regular basis," said Gulam Khan, CEO and Co-Chairman of US Endoscopy. "Our consistently growing revenues have enabled us to expand the US Endoscopy team and continue to develop problem-solving innovations for the field of endoscopy."

US Endoscopy, founded in 1991 by current Co-chairman Marlin Younker, has grown from a family operated company into an international medical device organization employing over 180 people and distributing a unique portfolio of proprietary devices for expanded, more efficient endoscopic procedures worldwide. The US Endoscopy Fast Track 50 Award is the latest in a series of recent wins. US Endoscopy was inducted into the Fast Track 50 Hall of Fame in 2004, as well as a consistent Weatherhead 100 recipient.

### **About US Endoscopy**

Since 1991, US Endoscopy has been a world leader in endoscopy device design and manufacturing, serving the U.S. and international gastrointestinal endoscopy markets. By listening and delivering solutions in the field of endoscopy, our unique lines of proprietary devices provide better, more efficient product options for GI clinicians. A significant and growing portion of sales are proprietary endoscopic devices created by the company's new product development team with the guidance and direction of luminary physicians and nurses worldwide.

For more information, please visit the US Endoscopy web site at [www.usendoscopy.com](http://www.usendoscopy.com).

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