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Weatherhead 100 recognizes US Endoscopy for 3rd consecutive year

Mentor, Ohio — September 6, 2005 — US Endoscopy, a world leader in endoscopy device design and manufacturing, today was a recipient of the Weatherhead 100 Award for the 3rd consecutive year. A prestigious event highlighting the 100 fastest growing companies in Northeast Ohio, the Weatherhead 100 is compiled and managed by the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University. The Weatherhead organization reviews applicants annually, naming US Endoscopy to this highly regarded list in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

“It is truly an honor to be ranked among the fastest-growing companies in Northeast Ohio three years in a row,” said Gulam Khan, CEO and Co-Chairman of US Endoscopy. “I attribute our continued growth and success to the commitment of our people in delivering problem solving innovation to the gastrointestinal market as well as the long-term partnerships we’ve forged with our customers.”

The Weatherhead 100 rewards the truest spirit of entrepreneurialism and those companies that serve as a beacon to all businesses in Northeast Ohio. US Endoscopy, founded in 1991 by current Co-chairman Marlin Younker, has grown from a family operated company into a large medical innovator employing about 180 people and distributing products worldwide. Gulam Khan, US Endoscopy CEO & Co-chairman describes US Endoscopy as a “true American entrepreneurial success story.”

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.

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