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Erik Hodson, CEO of Whitworth, commented, “When Certus first approached our ownership team about a possible acquisition, we were hesitant and offered a ‘no thanks.’ After that, we began noticing a Certus presence at virtually every state pest control association event as well as regional and national pest management meetings. It became evident to us that Certus supports our pest control community, not just with money but with true engagement. One of their philosophies is ‘People First,’ and you can tell from their involvement and interactions that they mean it. This showed us that our employees would be treated well after the acquisition and was one of several important attributes of Certus that lead us to the decision to sell our company to them.

“Throughout the entire process, the Certus team, from ownership on down, was extremely helpful, polite, and conscientious. The time, effort, and care they put into the announcement to our employees helped put everyone at ease. It’s been several days post-acquisition, and the support from everyone has continued as we integrate into the Certus family of companies. It is clear we made the right choice.”

Mike Givlin, CEO and co-founder of Certus, said, “Whitworth has invested heavily in systems, processes, and training to allow them to deliver world class service to their clients consistently. We are excited about integrating Whitworth’s best practices across the Certus family to improve our overall service delivery and help us achieve our goal of being the premier service provider in the markets we serve.”

In recognition of the commitment that Terry and Faye Whitworth have made in promoting education for nearly 40 years, Certus is honored to provide continued funding to support the *Terry & Faye Whitworth Systematics Entomology Fund* and Washington State University where Terry continues to be an Adjunct Professor of Entomology.

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About Certus

Launched in 2019, Certus is new type of pest control firm. Founded on the principles of People First, Quality Service, and Building Lifetime Customers, Certus aims to build a Top 10 pest control company by partnering with leading, regional pest control owner-operators. Certus provides capital and expertise that allows these firms to accelerate their growth, provide more opportunities for their employees, maintain their brand, and become regional leaders within the Certus organization. Certus is currently the 75th largest pest control company in the United States.

