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## **Capital Insurance Group Names DiBuduo & DeFendis Insurance Agency of the Year**

**MONTEREY, Calif. (March 12, 2013)** – Dibuduo & DeFendis Insurance (D&D), based in Fresno, CA, was named Capital Insurance Group® (CIG) Agency of the Year for 2012. In addition to receiving the overall Agency of the Year award, an elite recognition for long term performance, the agency was also selected as the Central Valley Agency of the Year. CIG, the leading regional property and casualty insurer serving the Western U.S., bestowed its highest award to D&D in recognition of its performance, relationship commitment, and largest overall sales growth.

DiBuduo & DeFendis Insurance, founded in Fresno in 1960, provides all lines of insurance to clients throughout the U.S. It is known for its expertise in almost every industry, including agriculture, construction, oil, financial services, transportation, technology, public entities, manufacturing, retail, wholesale and service industries. Employer benefit programs and risk control are among its key specialties. The experienced staff, many of whom have been with the company for more than 25 years are dedicated to its guiding principles of family, integrity, trust, leadership and service excellence in every business partnership. D&D operates eight California offices that include Bakersfield, Dinuba, Fresno, Hollister, Lodi, Modesto, San Luis Obispo and Taft.

“We are extremely proud that DiBuduo & DeFendis was selected as the CIG Agency of the Year,” said Matt DeFendis and Mike DeFendis, co-owners of DiBuduo & DeFendis Insurance. “This recognition is the result of a great team effort at D&D, working together to deliver the performance, customer service, and growth for which this award is given.”

Capital Insurance Group recognizes one agency in each of its nine regions with the Agency of the Year award. The criteria for the award are business performance, customer service, and agency relationships. Each year, CIG Regional Managers, Business Relationship Managers, and Account Executives select three top performing agencies for consideration. A committee of

CIG executives evaluates and selects an honoree from these top candidates for each of the nine regions.

“We are pleased to honor DiBuduo & DeFendis as a not only the Central Valley Agency of the Year, but also as an agency that remains a successful and profitable partner for the past 25 years,” said Peter Cazzolla, President and CEO of Capital Insurance Group. “Together, we have built a substantial relationship developed on the principles of strong business development and account service.”

### **About Capital Insurance Group**

Capital Insurance Group® (CIG) is the leading regional property and casualty insurer serving the Western U.S. since 1898. CIG insures Personal Auto, Homeowners, Farmowners, Condo Owners, Vacation Property, Renters, Apartment Building Owners, and many kinds of Commercial and Agricultural Auto and Property. The 115 year-old company is rated “A” (Excellent) by A.M. Best, the independent financial monitor of the insurance industry. CIG has been selected for the Ward’s 50 as one of the safest and most efficient property/casualty insurers in the U.S. CIG manages personal, business, and agriculture risks underwritten by its affiliate companies: California Capital Insurance Company, Eagle West Insurance Company, Nevada Capital Insurance Company, and Monterey Insurance Company. Types of policies may vary from state to state. For more information, please visit [www.CIGinsurance.com](http://www.CIGinsurance.com)

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