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Vertex Joins The Precisionists to Launch Innovative Program Supporting Employment for Individuals with Autism

KING OF PRUSSIA, PA – May 17, 2018 – [Vertex, Inc.](#), a leading provider of tax technology and services, announced the creation of an innovative program to provide employment to local adults with autism. The program was formed in collaboration with [The Precisionists, Inc.](#), a Wilmington based company that creates jobs for individuals across a broad range of disabilities and provides jobs for dozens of local adults with autism. Vertex is utilizing The Precisionists' innovative disability employment model across several areas in the business.

The Precisionists is focused on creating jobs for people on the autism spectrum, disabled veterans, and the hearing and visually impaired. The company is matching detail-oriented, analytical people to fill critical roles at Vertex, ensuring a fit on both sides.

“When properly assessed, trained and employed, people with autism are extremely high performing employees in critical and challenging jobs such as administrative business functions, software testing and data analytics,” said Ernie Dianastasis, CEO of The Precisionists. “When you consider that more than 75 percent of people with autism in the country are either unemployed or underemployed, we are making a true difference in engaging a significant, untapped and high-performing labor force right here in the Delaware Valley.”

Individuals taking part in the program are identified, assessed, trained and employed by The Precisionists and carry out project-based work. A team leader from The Precisionists will work alongside the team to help them acclimate to their new roles and working environment and then provide ongoing support as required.

"We are pleased to partner with The Precisionists to offer fair and equal employment opportunities to diverse groups in our region," said Vertex President and CEO David DeStefano. "Our diversity and inclusion initiative takes into account people with different backgrounds, experiences, cultures and perspectives and we are proud to be an employer that supports this unique talent management initiative."

For Vertex, this partnership is part of a larger talent acquisition effort, which aims to develop an inclusive work environment that is open and accommodating to all, including those with disabilities. The company sees diversity as a strategic enabler of competitive success.

About The Precisionists

The Precisionists, Inc. (TPI), a B-Corporation, is a national company focused on providing industry best practices for delivering administrative and technology services by building teams which include individuals with disabilities. This approach enables The Precisionists to meet each customer's specific needs, and to deliver projects with the highest degree of productivity. The Precisionists is dedicated to creating jobs for individuals with disabilities in all the markets it serves. The Precisionists, Inc. is headquartered in Wilmington, DE. Learn more at www.theprecisionists.com.

About Vertex

Vertex, Inc. is a leading provider of tax technology and services, enabling companies of all sizes to realize the full strategic potential of the tax function by automating and integrating tax processes, while leveraging advanced and predictive analytics of tax data. Vertex provides cloud-based and on-premise solutions that can be tailored to specific industries for every major line of tax, including income, sales and consumer use, value added and payroll. Headquartered in Pennsylvania, and with offices worldwide, Vertex is a privately held company that employs over 900 professionals and serves companies across the globe.

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