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40 Under 40 Honoree: Trey James — 36

President & CEO, Xcentric, LLC, Alpharetta, GA

EDUCATION: BS, Information Technology — Texas Wesleyan University

FAMILY: Wife Amelie; Son Marshall (4 months)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Flying, hiking, traveling

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Assn. of Accounting Administrators, Aircraft Owners & Pilots Assn., Experimental Aircraft Assn.

BLOG: Partner Brief (www.xcentricgroup.com/partnerbriefs)

— IT-related articles, advice, and how-tos designed for IT partners and technologists within CPA firms.

What's the one piece of technology that MOST helps you get through your normal workday?

“My Treo 700w.”

What will be the biggest change over the next five years in the ways tax and accounting firms operate?

“Network infrastructure hosting services will ease access to CPA-specific tax, audit, accounting and productivity software, which will continue to greatly affect our ability to find, hire, train, and retain staff. The Internet made ubiquitous via cellular broadband will keep us connected with our people and our clients from anywhere and anytime.”

What Trey's peers and clients had to say about him:

Trey is leading the profession into the world of ASP hosted applications. The Gray Matter product that he created inside Xcentric is the only one that I know

of that allows a practice to host all of their applications in one place and

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just look at what Trey is doing.

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