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STRAW POLL

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12/05/11 – CIRT CEOs Favor Business Leader to be GOP Presidential Candidate

A “straw poll” among the CEO members of CIRT, taken at its recently concluded fall conference in Naples, FL, shows a clear preference for former-Governor and business man Mitt Romney to be the GOP nominee for President. The poll, which was conducted before the announcement by Herman Cain to suspend his campaign, favored Romney with 59.25% to Newt Gingrich’s 22.2%, Herman Cain’s 11.1% and John Huntsman’s 7.4% (no other GOP contender received a first choice vote cast by some 25% of the CIRT membership). When asked for a second choice or preference (if their first choice did not win the nomination) the race tightens noticeably with both Gingrich and Romney receiving exactly the same number of votes at 24% each. Given Cain’s departure from the race, and the long shot odds of Huntsman even being competitive, the straw poll was analyzed with their removal from the field and recalculated using their second choices. The results of the two-man race that remains are: **Romney 72% and Gingrich 28%.**