

**GEORGESON TOPS CORPORATE CONTROL ALERT'S
M&A PROXY SOLICITOR RANKING**

Georgeson performed solicitations for over 30% of US M&A transactions

New York, Feb. 21, 2008 – Georgeson Inc., a leading global provider of strategic proxy and corporate governance consulting services, today announced that the company has been ranked No. 1 by *Corporate Control Alert* in the US M&A proxy solicitor/information agents category for the eighth consecutive year.

Georgeson achieved the top spot by performing proxy solicitations for over 30% of the M&A transactions tracked by *Corporate Control Alert* with a value of \$100 million or more. Georgeson worked on 103 of the total M&A transactions tracked by the publication, which represents 45% more solicitation assignments than the second place firm.

"For both routine and contested M&A situations, including proxy fights, more companies find that Georgeson's strategic counsel can give them an advantage in navigating the sea of activist hedge funds, proxy advisory firms and retail investors," said David Drake, President, Georgeson. "As the most experienced proxy solicitation firm worldwide and with the support of a global infrastructure and network of shareholder communication experts, Georgeson has the capabilities, intelligence and relationships with key decision makers that can increase our clients' outlook for success."

The rankings are part of *Corporate Control Alert's* Jan./Feb. 2008 issue, which includes rankings of advisers in deals announced from Jan. 1, 2007 through Dec. 31, 2007 with a value of \$100 million or more.

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About Georgeson

Georgeson Inc. is the world's leading provider of strategic proxy and corporate governance consulting services to corporations and shareholder groups working to influence corporate strategy. Since 1935, Georgeson has specialized in complex solicitations such as hostile and friendly acquisitions, proxy contests and takeover defenses. Georgeson leads more M&A transactions globally than all other firms combined. Georgeson also provides issuers with expertise in corporate events solutions such as post-merger unexchanged holder programs and information agent services. Georgeson is a Computershare company. For more information, visit www.georgeson.com.

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