

# News Release

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## Willis Group Strengthens Presence in Upstate New York Region

**New York, NY, September 1, 2005** – Willis Group Holdings Limited (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, continues to strengthen its presence in key geographic markets across North America. Today, the company announces that Cheryl V. Meyer has joined Willis as Vice President, servicing the Upstate New York region which includes the Greater Buffalo area east to Albany. She is based in Buffalo, New York.

Meyer, who brings over 25 years of insurance experience and extensive regional relationships, joins from Marsh where she was a business development executive. In her new role, she is charged with expanding Willis' business in Upstate New York through organic growth, serving as a portal for local buyers to access Willis' global resources.

While at Marsh, Meyer led business development efforts for the group insurance practice covering Upstate New York. She was previously president of FCS Administrators, a third party claims administrator. Meyer played a significant role in improving the performance of the Merchant Insurance Group, with which she was employed for 15 years.

Welcoming Meyer to Willis, Leslie Nylund, New York Regional Executive Officer, said, "Willis is committed to growing our presence in Upstate New York. Cheryl's relationships within the Upstate business community and her legacy of achievement as an advocate for buyers across a variety of risk classes will enable new and existing clients to enjoy a full complement of local services to manage their risk and human capital challenges."

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