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Willis Continues to Attract Top Insurance Industry Talent New York Office Strengthens Employee Benefits Practice

New York, NY, May 2, 2005 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, continues to strengthen its specialty practice groups in key geographic markets in North America; this time adding industry leaders to its Employee Benefits Practice in New York.

Today the company announces that **Lauret McCabe, Robert Lustberg, George Wilson, Shari Rock, Pauline Sobelman** and **Sarah White** have all joined Willis in New York.

McCabe, a former Managing Director of Marsh, joins Willis as an Executive Vice President and New York Employee Benefits Practice Leader. While at Marsh, McCabe's responsibilities included overseeing client services, establishing an Employee Benefits Practice and leading the creation of a Sales and Client Management Practice dedicated to Middle Market. She was among the first employee benefit professionals at Marsh named to the title of Managing Director, and has 25 years of employee benefit experience.

Lustberg, a Senior Vice President and Client Service Leader, brings over 23 years of employee benefits experience to Willis, specializing in multi-site health plan placements and service, and alternate funding arrangements. Prior to joining Willis, he served as a Senior Vice President and Team Leader at Marsh for 8 years.

Wilson, a Senior Vice President and Senior Client Manager at Willis, was most recently a Team Leader and Vice President at Marsh where he spent over six years. While at Marsh, Wilson was responsible for the service of mid-sized clients located throughout the United States and he has over 16 years experience in the life and health insurance industry.

Rock joins Willis as a Senior Vice President and Senior Client Manager, having served ten years at Marsh, most recently as a Vice President and Team Leader. Prior to joining Marsh, Rock served as a Benefits Administrator for a national retail company and brings over 15 years of experience in employee benefits.

Sobelman joins Willis as a Vice President and Senior Client Manager after spending two years as a Senior Consultant at Marsh. She has over 15 years of experience in the employee benefits industry and has extensive experience dealing with mid- and large- sized employers throughout the US.

White, an Assistant Vice President and Client Manager with Willis, brings 5 years of experience to Willis, specializing in benefit plan design and analysis for mid-sized clients. Prior to joining

Willis, White served as an Assistant Vice President and Employee Benefits Consultant at Marsh.

"Willis has great people, resources and energy," said McCabe. "We are excited to be part of a growing enterprise that has tremendous visibility and support within the company. Willis' Client Advocate model truly is a unique approach where clients can readily see the difference in service levels. It is great to be part of an organization that is finding innovative ways to help our clients."

Leslie Nylund, Regional Executive Officer for Willis' New York office, said, "The contribution these professionals have already made to our local employee benefits capabilities is significant. Clients and colleagues alike will benefit from their knowledge and experience and we are proud to have them as Willis Associates."

The investment in these individuals follows Willis' acquisition of two employee benefits companies – Primary Worldwide in Los Gatos, California and CGI Consulting in Malvern, Pennsylvania.

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