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Willis Extends Reach in Connecticut

New York, NY, January 3, 2005 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE:WSH), the global insurance broker, continues to strengthen its presence in key geographic markets across North America. Today, the company announced that **Salvatore J. Dominello** has joined Willis as Senior Vice President and Sales Leader for its office located in Farmington, CT. Mr. Dominello, who brings over 20 years of insurance industry experience, most recently worked in the Hartford office of Palmer & Cay where he served as Principal, New England Practice Leader for its Compensation, Retirement and Benefits Group.

In his new capacity, Mr. Dominello is charged with developing and successfully executing a strategy that will make Willis the number one broker in Connecticut. Using organic growth, recruiting new producers and working with the firm's National Benefits and Middle Market Practices, Mr. Dominello will bring Willis' Client Advocate Model to a market which has great opportunity for the global broker.

Mr. Dominello, a lifelong Connecticut resident, has held various positions in the industry including broker, consultant, director of underwriting, and team leader.

Concurrently, the company announced that **J Kevin Foster**, formerly a Vice President with Banknorth Insurance Group for 13 years, has joined Willis as a Vice President to work with Mr. Dominello in developing the Connecticut market.

While at Banknorth, Mr. Foster worked as a New Business Development Officer and was a Client Relationship Manager for insurance and risk management clients. Prior to joining Banknorth, Mr. Foster was a Vice President for commercial lending at Citytrust Bancorp.

“Recruiting Sal and Kevin are signs of our increased commitment to the Greater Hartford market. We are pleased to have these strong additions to staff,” stated Robert J Smith, Willis' Northeast Regional Executive Officer.

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