

# News Release

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## Willis Group Strengthens Presence in Long Island New York Region

**New York, NY, October 19, 2006** – 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 Jeffrey Bass has joined Willis as Executive Vice President serving the Long Island region. He is based in Melville, New York.

Bass brings over 25 years of experience and extensive regional relationships. He joins from Margolin, Winer & Evens where he was a Principal in charge of the Firm's Strategic Planning & Advisory Services Practice. Bass consulted with companies spanning a broad spectrum of industries, advising executive management in the formulation of strategic direction and initiatives. Bass is actively involved in the Long Island business community. He is Chairman of the Board of the Long Island Capital Alliance, member of the board of the Long Island Forum for Technology, Past President and board member of the Long Island Chapter of the American Jewish Committee and Associate Trustee of the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System. Bass is also a local Chairman of Vistage International, the largest global CEO membership Association.

In 1995, Bass was Long Island's elected delegate to the White House conference on small business where he headed the New York and Northeast regional capital formation committees. In his new role, he is charged with expanding Willis' business on Long Island, serving as a portal for local buyers to access Willis' global resources.

Welcoming Bass to Willis, Leslie Nylund, National Partner of Willis' New York operations, said, "Willis is committed to growing our presence on Long Island. Jeff's relationships within the business community and his history of achievement across a variety of risks will enable new and existing clients to enjoy a full complement of local services to manage their risk."

Willis Group Holdings Limited is a leading global insurance broker, developing and delivering professional insurance, reinsurance, risk management, financial and human resource consulting and actuarial services to corporations, public entities and institutions around the world. With over 300 offices in more than 100 countries, its global team of 15,400 Employees and Associates serves clients in some 190 countries. Willis is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: WSH). Additional information on Willis may be found on its web site: [www.willis.com](http://www.willis.com).

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