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Willis Grows Employee Benefits Practice with Appointment of Valerie Seymour as Senior Client Manager

New York, NY, January 17, 2007 – Willis Group Holdings, Ltd. (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, continues to strengthen its North American Employee Benefits Practice with the appointment of **Valerie Seymour** as Senior Client Manager to its operations in Austin, TX. Seymour will report to **Julie Kirk**, Senior Vice President of Willis Life, Inc. in Texas.

Prior to joining Willis, Seymour spent six years at Arthur J. Gallagher where she handled many large accounts, worked closely with her clients' needs, and ensured effective and efficient delivery of client services.

Throughout her career, Seymour has provided clients with high-level services in strategic planning and benefits design and she possesses strong business relationships with the local and regional carriers. In her new role, she is tasked with bringing the highest level of client service in the employee benefits field.

"Valerie is fully qualified and prepared to add immediate value to the Willis Benefits team. We are fortunate to have someone of Valerie's caliber and expertise," commented **Julie Kirk**, Senior Vice President. "Willis' Employee Benefits Practice offers terrific opportunities for future growth."

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