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Willis Pooling Practice Celebrates Its 25 Year Anniversary

Mitigating Public Entity Risks of the Past Quarter Century

New York, NY, September 5, 2007 – The Pooling Practice of Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, marks its 25th anniversary this month. This significant milestone arrives at a time when the need for risk pooling expertise for public entities has never been greater. In recent years, the demand for risk management services by states, cities, counties, political subdivisions, religious organizations, and other nonprofit organizations has grown dramatically in the face of an expanding definition of liability, new risks, and legislative changes.

During this time, the Willis Pooling Practice has successfully navigated clients through all of the traditional risks faced by public entities, as well as extraordinary and far-reaching threats like Y2K, terrorism, mold, harassment, and occupational disease. According to the Practice, current trends in risk pooling include an increased focus on serving pool member's specific needs, creating networking and work-alike groups, and educating public entities on risk prevention issues such as law enforcement training and bus rodeos.

Nearly every member of Willis' risk pooling leadership team has over 20 years of experience in this specialized sector. "As the only major broker with a nationwide staff devoted solely to public entity risk pooling, the Willis Pooling Practice offers the professional advice and customized service that public entities need if they hope to thrive in an increasingly complex risk environment," says **Bob Lombard**, Senior Vice President of Willis Pooling.

Don Bailey, CEO of Willis North America, adds that, "The long-term success of Willis Pooling is a testament to what happens when you serve the client's best interest through highly focused expertise."

Through its exclusive focus, proprietary analytical tools, unique underwriting and service platform, thought leadership, and cadre of risk mitigation consultants, Willis Pooling provides cost-efficient risk transfer and insurance services to over 3,200 counties, cities, school districts, towns, religious institutions and hospitals, positively impacting the budgets of more than 750 school districts educating two million children.

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“Willis has done an outstanding job for the risk pool that I lead, the Tennessee Local Government Insurance Pool, which was established more than 26 years ago for the purpose of serving the state’s 95 counties with the best possible coverage and service at the lowest possible total cost of risk for Tennessee residents. Willis has been a big part of our success for a very long time, says **Joel Plummer, President and CEO** of TLGIP.

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