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CORPORATE UNITED HIRES THREE EMPLOYEES, PROMOTES DIRECTOR

Corporate United hires VP of operations, VP of member development, category marketing and development, and promotes director of contracting and supplier relations.

CLEVELAND – April, 4, 2008 – Corporate United, the nation’s leading group purchasing organization, names Gary Como as vice president of operations, Craig Lucas as vice president of member development, Nicole Finefrock as category marketing and development, and promotes Andrea Morton to director of contracting and supplier relations in its Cleveland office.

“Despite a weakening economy, we have experienced a dramatic increase in membership and have added staff as needed to support the growth,” says David Clevenger, Corporate United vice president.

Gary Como

As vice president of operations, Como’s responsibilities include defining the sourcing strategies for new categories, managing the strategic sourcing process and developing relationships with key suppliers and partners. Como has more than 15 years of experience in supply chain management. Most recently, he served as the director of sourcing for PolyOne Corporation, and manager of procurement projects at BP P.L.C. and manager of materials management services at Amoco Corporation.

Como graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a bachelor of science in operations research and industrial management and an MBA in operations management and strategy. He currently resides in Avon Lake, Ohio.

Craig Lucas

As vice president of member development, Lucas is responsible for identifying and developing membership and initial category agreement opportunities. With more than 18 years experience in the financial services industry, Lucas previously served as senior vice president of investments for Robert W. Baird & Co. and as senior vice president of investments for McDonald Investments.

Lucas graduated from Kent State University with a bachelor of arts in marketing. He is on the board of trustees for the Kent State University Foundation and the Museum of Contemporary Art. Lucas is also a board member for the Friends of Entrepreneurship Preparatory School (E Prep). He currently resides in Broadview Heights, Ohio.

Nicole Finefrock

Finefrock's responsibilities span category marketing and development and include marketing, member communications, event planning and strategic sourcing. Prior to joining Corporate United, she worked as a sales and marketing consultant for Caxton Growth Partners, where she focused on market research and marketing strategies.

Finefrock graduated from Miami University with a bachelor of arts in English and French. She currently resides in Lakewood, Ohio.

Andrea Morton

As director of contracting and supplier relations, Morton is responsible for Corporate United's continuous effort to increase management and development of its growing supplier roster. Although acting in a similar capacity in her previous role, she is now responsible for coordinating all supplier management activities. Prior to joining Corporate United, Morton worked for Lockheed Martin Corporation as a contracts administrator.

Morton graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor of science in business administration in transportation and logistics. She currently resides in Hudson, Ohio.

About Corporate United

For more than a decade, Corporate United has provided members with unique solutions to managing indirect spend across their enterprise. By combining leveraged agreements with ongoing supplier management and implementation support, Corporate United enables our member organizations through savings and resource flexibility. Our membership is comprised of more than 100 Global 2000 companies across every industry sector coming together in an unrivaled forum that provides opportunities for education, best practice-sharing, and interaction with the foremost strategic sourcing and spend management professionals.

By combining leverage, knowledge and expertise to achieve more from indirect spend management efforts, Corporate United has merited its position as the nation's leading group purchasing organization. Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, Corporate United also has offices in Minneapolis and Baltimore. For more information, contact our headquarters 440.895.0938 or visit www.corporateunited.com.

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