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SYNERGY 2008 DRAWS SOME OF THE NATION'S LARGEST COMPANIES

CLEVELAND — May 2, 2008 — Representatives from more than 60 of the nation's largest companies attended Corporate United's seventh annual SYNERGY spend management conference in Baltimore to discuss compelling and relevant procurement issues.

David Clevenger, Corporate United vice president, reported that attendance at the annual educational and information exchange event continues to grow each year. "Clearly organizations are looking for ways to improve their indirect spend management position and the conference is a vehicle that helps them to achieve those controls," says Clevenger.

Carol Blake of Hubbell, Inc. agrees, "I've attended numerous conferences, but Corporate United's SYNERGY is the most beneficial. It is a true learning experience – a fantastic format, an excellent venue and a great opportunity to network."

The 2008 conference included presentations from industry authorities addressing relevant topics, new strategies and practical solutions to the challenges faced by attendees.

SYNERGY speakers and topics included:

- Honorable Michael G. Oxley, former U.S. Congressman and co-sponsor of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
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- Kristin Pierre, manager of the U.S. EPA's Green Suppliers Network

- Robert Handfield, PhD., Bank of America University distinguished professor of supply chain management for North Carolina State University
- Abe Podolak, chief supply strategist for SourceOne Management Services, LLC
- C. Caldwell Hart, director strategic commodity management for Dresser-Rand
- Donald Seward, corporate procurement manager for CH2M HILL Companies, Ltd.
- Jack Quarles, senior strategic sourcing category manager for Sallie Mae
- William Key, director of strategic sourcing for BAE Systems
- Francis J. Quinn, editor of Supply Chain Management Review

About Corporate United

Corporate United is the nation's leading group purchasing organization, with more than 100 Global 2000 companies across every industry sector collaborating for the purposes of enhancing their spend management efforts, sharing best practices and interacting with an unrivaled network of professionals.

For more than a decade, Corporate United has provided its membership with unique solutions to more effectively manage indirect spend across their enterprise. By combining leveraged agreements with ongoing supplier development and implementation support, member organizations realize savings and resource flexibility. For more information, contact our headquarters at 440.895.0938 or visit www.corporateunited.com.

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