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**SYNERGY 2007 Rises to Prominence**

*Corporate United Annual Conference Easily Ranks Among the Industry's Best*

CLEVELAND, OH – July 10, 2007 – Corporate United, the nation's largest group purchasing organization, is pleased to report on their annual conference held this past May in Chicago.

Corporate United has set the standard for collaboration among the nation's largest and leading companies; the SYNERGY conference represents the only annual gathering of these great organizations.

The outstanding roster of speakers featured at this year's event featured former IBM and Motorola executive Theresa Metty, who opened the general session with an insightful and opportunistic look at Sarbanes-Oxley compliance. Ms. Metty was followed by Volt Information Sciences CEO Steve Shaw, who provided his valuable perspective on corporate leadership's view of supply chain operations.

A series of educational and networking events – the heart of all SYNERGY conferences – filled the following two days. Representatives from Corporate United, along with a roster of the industry's best and brightest, facilitated working sessions with our members and other guests. Like all Corporate United events, these sessions are designed to provide attendees with a combination of strategic perspective and actionable steps with broad application to their spend management efforts.

The SYNERGY 2007 program also featured industry experts such as e-sourcing pioneer Orville Bailey, leading procurement outsourcing provider Jim Kelly, veteran supply chain leader Reuben Slone, contract management guru Tim Cummins, HR-sourcing innovator Peggy Blaszkowski, and sourcing optimization consultant Christopher Smith, among others. Corporate United was especially pleased to feature legendary supply chain executive Dave Nelson. Mr. Nelson provided an excellent opportunity for all of our guests to spend time in an interactive forum with the person responsible for designing award-winning supply chain programs at Honda, Deere, and Delphi.

The event closed with *Spend Matters* editor Jason Busch providing his interesting and informed view of the supply chain space. Tyco veteran and Con Agra executive Stacey Taylor shared valuable tips on managing indirect spend. The closing keynote was presented by former Daimler Chrysler president Thomas Stallkamp. Mr. Stallkamp's outstanding address was a shining example of the quality SYNERGY attendees have come to expect.

"We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who participated in and attended SYNERGY 2007 in Chicago," said Corporate United president Gregg Mylett. "We are all looking forward to the challenge of improving on this great event in 2008."

**About Corporate United**

Since 1997, Corporate United has been assisting the world's largest and leading companies to realize the power of leverage and indirect spend savings on their bottom lines.

Corporate United provides more than 100 Global 2000 companies across every industry sector with sourcing and contract management solutions. As the world's leading group purchasing organization, Corporate United succeeds when our members do; by combining leverage, knowledge, and sourcing expertise to achieve more from supply chain efforts. To learn more about Corporate United and how we

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