



Watkins Insurance Group Names Three New Vice Presidents

March 19, 2007, Austin, TX— The Watkins Insurance Group, a full-service independent insurance agency based in Austin, announces the appointment of three new vice presidents to its Austin office.

“We’re excited to add three highly experienced professionals to our agency. Each has tremendous experience and brings a great deal to our team,” said Patrick Watkins, president, Watkins Insurance Group.

The three vice presidents were previously with AIC-Sun Belt Group, a local agency recently acquired by Watkins Insurance Group.

Steve Crownover, CIC has been named vice president of Watkins Insurance Group. Crownover joins the agency after 16 years of service at AIC-Sun Belt Group where he also held the position of vice president of commercial lines. Crownover is currently serving as vice president of the Central Texas Agents Alliance. He has been an active member of the Austin Chamber of Commerce, the Professional Insurance Agents Association of Austin, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Austin, and We Care, a service organization devoted to the care of the elderly.

Bill Lunsford, CIC, with over three decades of experience in the insurance industry, has been named vice president at Watkins Insurance Group. Prior to joining Watkins Insurance Group, Lunsford was the president of AIC-Sun Belt Group. Currently he is serving as the president of Central Texas Agents Alliance. He has served as the president of Independent Insurance Agents of Temple, president and director of Temple Optimist Club, and he served on the Senior Citizen Advisory Board.

As the first woman to receive a bachelor of business administration degree in insurance from the University of Texas, **Glenda Pittsford** has been a pioneer in the industry. With a career spanning more than thirty years, Pittsford joins Watkins Insurance Group as a vice president. Prior to joining Watkins Insurance Group, she was the vice president of accounting, administration, and personal lines at AIC-Sun Belt. She is an active member and former board member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Austin and the Greater Pflugerville Chamber of Commerce.

Watkins Insurance Group, with more than 14,000 customers, offers a full range of business and personal insurance and employee benefit programs. Watkins Insurance Group can provide businesses with insurance products including property, general liability, workers' compensation and directors and officers coverage. The agency offers all lines of personal insurance, including auto and home insurance. Through its employee benefits department, Watkins Insurance Group can assist companies in implementing group health, life and disability coverage.

Founded in Austin in 1949, Watkins Insurance Group is now the largest and fastest-growing locally owned independent insurance agency in central Texas. Headquartered in Austin, Watkins Insurance Group has nine locations throughout Texas, including offices in Cedar Park, Hawkins, Holly Lake Ranch, Longview, Marble Falls, Mineola, Tyler and Waco.

For more information about the Watkins Insurance Group, please visit www.watkinsinsurancegroup.com.

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