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Watkins Insurance Group Announces Expansion

Agency experiences record growth, expands headquarters

Austin, TX March 26, 2008—Watkins Insurance Group, the largest full-service, locally owned independent insurance agency in Austin, is expanding and adding senior insurance industry professionals to its roster.

“We’re very excited to add Troy, Jerry and Ramona to our team. Each has exceptional expertise in the industry,” said Patrick Watkins, president, Watkins Insurance Agency.

The firm’s new additions will focus on insurance advisory services and key operational functions.

Troy Wright, CIC, CRM joins Watkins Insurance Group as an insurance agent. Prior to moving to Watkins Insurance Group, Wright was an agent for the Austin office of Guaranty Insurance Services, Inc. Wright brings over 14 years of industry expertise.

Jerry Wright brings over 40 years of insurance industry expertise to Watkins Insurance Group. He joins the agency as an insurance agent. Prior to joining Watkins Insurance Group, Wright was also with Guaranty Insurance Services, Inc.

Ramona Coleman joins Watkins Insurance Group as an accounting supervisor. She was part of the accounting team at Texas Associates Insurors in Austin for nine years. Coleman has worked in the insurance industry for 16 years.

In total, Watkins Insurance Group is adding six new team members in March. Currently, the agency has 50 employees in its Austin office and 100 employees across its nine locations in the Greater Austin area and East Texas, including Cedar Park, Hawkins, Holly Lake Ranch, Longview, Marble Falls, Mineola, Tyler and Waco.

About Watkins Insurance Group

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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