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Press Release

***Site Selection's* 2006 Top Deals and Top Groups**

Atlanta, May 1, 2007: *Site Selection* has named its Top Deals and Top Groups in North America and abroad for 2006.

The Top Deals of 2006 are highlighted by the biotech, high-tech and transport sectors, with Amgen Corp. notching two of the deals with billion-dollar projects in Puerto Rico and Ireland. Among the 20 Top Deals and Honorable Mentions in North America, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, New York and Virginia garnered two each.

Notable among the 20 highlighted global projects are three in India from IBM, EADS and Volkswagen, following the nation's attraction of four Top Deals in 2005.

In evaluating the top economic development projects of the year, the editors of *Site Selection* took into account total capital investment; number of jobs created; regional economic impact; value of jobs created; creativity of the deal; role of incentives in the deal; competition for the project to locate elsewhere; and speed to market.

"Chronicling major multinational corporate site selection affords us a glimpse into some of the most competitive companies on the planet," writes Adam Bruns, managing editor of *Site Selection*. "As our project case studies and interviews throughout the year bear out, the territories that seek their investments also know how to compete at a high level."

Top Groups List Has Central Focus

Site Selection magazine has also selected its Top 10 local development groups in North America for 2006. Six of the Top 10 and 13 of the Top 20 (including honorable mentions) hail from the Central U.S. North Carolina leads the way with four honored groups, followed by Texas with three and two from Missouri.

"As we considered the nominations for the Top Development Groups this year, it became clear that the most competitive organizations shared several characteristics," said Ron Starner, director of publications and general manager of *Site Selection* publisher Conway Data. "They provide market access to expanding companies, strong logistics support networks, highly qualified and abundant labor pools, competitive business costs and good old-fashioned ingenuity to get deals done."

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Local economic development groups were first ranked according to four objective categories: new jobs, new jobs per 10,000 residents, new investment amount and new investment per 10,000 residents. Then they were scrutinized for more subjective attributes — among them innovation, leadership and customer service.

Site Selection also debuted a new ranking: the Top International Groups of 2006. Criteria includes new plant performance; overall global competitiveness; business environment rating; global competitiveness index score; ease of doing business, and FDI inflow. Data sources included the Conway New Plant Database, IMD, World Economic Forum, The Economist Intelligence Unit, the World Bank and UNCTAD. Groups from Europe and Asia dominate this list.

The entire Top Groups and Top Deals articles appear in the May 2007 edition of *Site Selection* and at www.sitenet.com.

Site Selection magazine, published by Conway Data Inc., delivers expansion planning information to 44,000 executives of fast-growing firms. Now in its 53rd year, *Site Selection* is also available via *Site Selection Online* (www.siteselection.com). *SiteNet Dispatch*, a weekly e-mail newsletter, goes to more than 28,000 industry professionals. *Site Selection* is the official publication of the Industrial Asset Management Council (www.iamc.org).

Conway Data is an international publishing and association management company headquartered in Atlanta. The firm manages the Industrial Asset Management Council, the Development Hall of Fame and the World Development Federation (WDF), offers consulting services and awards the annual Conway Safe Skies Award.

Top North American Deals of 2006

Advanced Micro Devices

Malta, New York
\$3.2 billion, 1,206 jobs

Amgen

Juncos, Puerto Rico
\$1 billion, 500 jobs

Bristol-Myers Squibb

Devens, Mass.
\$1.1 billion, 550 jobs

Fidelity Investments

Raleigh, N.C.
\$100 million, 2,000 jobs

Ford Motor Co.

Nine sites in Michigan
over 56,000 jobs saved

Honda

Greensburg, Ind.
\$550 million, 2,000 jobs

Kia Motors

West Point, Ga.
\$1.2 billion, 2,500 jobs

Samsung

Austin, Texas
\$4 billion, 900 jobs

United Solar Ovonic

Greenville, Mich.

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\$256 million, 200 jobs

UPS Airlines WorldPort

Louisville, Ky.
\$1 billion, 1,284 jobs

North American Honorable Mention

DaimlerChrysler

Toluca, Mexico
\$1 billion

Gulfstream

Savannah, Ga.
\$322 million, 1,500 jobs

Harley-Davidson

Milwaukee, Wis.
\$120-million, 100 jobs
(part of larger \$300-million investment pledge across state)

Laurentian Aerospace

Plattsburgh, N.Y.
\$64 million, 800 jobs (1,600 jobs by 2011)

Linamar

Guelph, Ontario, Canada
\$993 million, 3,000 jobs

MeadWestvaco Corp.

Richmond, Va.
\$130 million, 400 jobs

Novartis

Raleigh, N.C.
\$267.5 million, 350 jobs

Pepsico

Albany, Ore.
\$250 million, 500 jobs

ServiceMaster Corp.

Memphis, Tenn.
\$150 million, 560 jobs

Swedwood North America

Danville, Va.
\$281 million, 740 jobs

International Top Deals of 2006

Amgen

Cork, Ireland
\$1 billion, 1,100 jobs

Bosch Group

Reutlingen, Germany
\$695 million, 800 jobs

Dell

Lodz, Poland
\$266 million, 1,000 jobs

EADS

India
\$2.6 billion, 2,000 jobs

Intel

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
\$1 billion, 1,200 jobs

Kedah Wafer Emas

Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
\$1.2 billion

Magna/OAO Avtovaz

Togliatti, Russia
\$1.7 billion

Saudi Aramco/Dow Chemical

Ras Tanura, Dammam, Saudi Arabia
\$15 billion

Seagate Technology

Johor, Malaysia and Singapore
\$1.2 billion, 3,500 jobs

ThyssenKrupp

Sepetiba, Brazil
\$2.4 billion, 3,000 jobs

International Honorable Mention

CSLM Group et al (ethanol)

Zrenjanin, Serbia
\$487 million

Ferrexpo

Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg, Hungary
\$380 million

GlaxoSmithKline

St. Armand-Les-Eaux, Nord Pas de Calais, France
\$637 million

Hebei Xintai Jingniu Group

Subic Bay, Philippines
\$312 million

Honda Motor Co.

Yorii, Saitama Prefecture, Japan

\$612 million, 2,200 jobs

Hyundai

Nosovice, Czech Republic
\$1.2 billion, 2,900 jobs

IBM

India
\$6 billion

Nanjing Automotive Group/MG Motors

Oklahoma City and Norman, Okla.; Birmingham, England; Nanjing, Jiangsu province, China
\$2 billion

Sanofi-Aventis

six sites in Italy
\$252.2 million

Volkswagen

Pune, Maharashtra, India
\$300 million, 2,500 jobs

Top Groups of 2006 (in alphabetical order)

Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, Dallas, Texas

Greater Louisville Inc., Louisville, Ky.

Greater Washington Initiative, Washington, D.C.

Indy Partnership, Indianapolis, Ind.

McAllen Economic Development Corp., McAllen, Texas

Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta, Ga.

Mooresville-South Iredell Economic Development Corp. and Greater Statesville Development Corp., Iredell County, N.C.

Piedmont Triad Partnership, Greensboro, N.C.

St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association, St. Louis, Mo.

World Business Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Honorable Mention Groups of 2006

Charlotte USA, Charlotte, N.C.

Cincinnati USA, Cincinnati, Ohio

Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Fort Worth, Texas

Greater Des Moines Partnership, Des Moines, Iowa

Greater Phoenix Economic Council, Phoenix, Ariz.

Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce, Huntsville, Ala.

Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville, Fla.

Kansas City Area Development Council, Kansas City, Mo.

Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Nashville, Tenn.

Tulsa Area Partnership, Tulsa, Okla.

Top International Groups of 2006

Invest in Canada

Singapore Economic Development Board

UK Trade & Investment

Invest Hong Kong

Invest in China

Invest in Denmark

Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency

Invest in France

Location Switzerland

Invest in Germany

India Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion

Japan External Trade Organization

Invest in Sweden

Invest in Belgium

Vietnam Ministry of Planning and Investment

Invest in Spain

Malaysian Industrial Development Authority

APEX Brazil

Invest in Finland

Italian Trade Commission

New Zealand Trade & Enterprise
