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Renowned Staffing Agency Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Houston, TX (May 6, 2010) – 2010 marks the 30th anniversary of Link Staffing Services, a national provider of staffing and productivity solutions. Link is a leader in innovative screening processes and customer service initiatives and has been a trendsetter within the industry. Link was the first staffing company to drug screen every single employee and is one of a select few who include functional job assessments as part of its preliminary screening process for industrial positions.

Over the years, Link has grown to be an industry leader amongst staffing companies and is proud to have covered three decades of matching the right people with the right companies. Founded in 1980, Link Staffing Services started with one office in Houston, TX. In 1994 Link opened their first franchise offices in Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma. Link has grown to include 50 offices in 14 states.

Co-Founders and Co-CEOs Bill and Karen Pitts have been very involved in shaping the staffing industry into what it is today. Bill and Karen were among the initial founders of the Texas Association of Staffing (TAS) and Karen was the first female president of the Association. In keeping with that tradition, daughter Michelle Bearden has recently been named as the 2010 president of TAS.

Karen Pitts also served as president of the American Staffing Association (ASA). The ASA is the nation's largest staffing trade association. During her presidency, a major change was made in which the Association expanded its mission to include a broader representation of the staffing industry.

Link Staffing Services has received many impressive honors over the years including Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year (Bill & Karen Pitts), Small Business 100 – Top Small Businesses based in Houston, Texas (Houston

Business Journal), Ranked #1 in Personnel Services (Franchise Gold 200), and was one of America's Top Women-Owned Businesses for three consecutive years (Working Woman Magazine).

As a franchisor, Link has received numerous awards and recognitions from the franchise community, including Top 30 Franchise (Black Enterprise magazine), Franchise STAR Award (Franchise Update Media Group), Top Up & Coming Franchise (Franchise Times), and All Star Franchise (AllBusiness.com). Link has also been ranked nationally in Entrepreneur Magazine's prestigious Franchise 500 list for the last five years in a row, and in 2010 moved up the list an impressive 77 spots from its 2009 ranking.

"We would like to thank each and every person who has helped to contribute to the success that Link enjoys," said Karen, "We're excited about the future of Link and the opportunities still awaiting us!"

About Link Staffing Services

Founded in 1980, Link Staffing Services provides staffing and productivity solutions to businesses and industry. The personnel Link supplies include skilled crafts and trades, light industrial, semi-skilled, and general labor. As a leader in the industry, Co-CEOs Bill and Karen Pitts have set themselves apart by providing cutting-edge technology and comprehensive screening processes, and by providing the type of workers clients like to hire. Based in Houston, Texas, Link Staffing has 50 locations nationwide. For more information, please visit www.linkstaffing.com, or call 1-800-LINK-360 (1-800-546-5360).