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## **Renowned Staffing Agency Addresses Immigration Reform Issues**

*Link Staffing implements National Social Security Number Verification Program*

**Houston, TX (Grassroots Newswire) December 14, 2006 --** As many as 10 percent of the 250 million wage reports received by the Social Security Administration (SSA) each year belong to employees whose names do not match their Social Security numbers on record, according to reports conducted by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

With immigration reform topping the headlines and businesses wanting to ensure its employees are authorized to work in the United States, Link Staffing Services - a Houston-based provider of staffing and productivity solutions to businesses and industry - recently announced the implementation of its nationwide SAVE Basic Pilot Program.

This breakthrough initiative involves verification checks of the Social Security Administration (SSA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) databases, using an automated system to verify the employment authorization of all newly hired employees, according to Karen Pitts, co-CEO of Link Staffing Services.

"Link is proud to be at the forefront of the issues," Pitts said. "Implementing the Basic Pilot Program will allow our offices to ensure that we are providing our clients with quality workers who are authorized to work in the United States while doing our part to preserve the success of government benefit programs."

News reports have highlighted several instances throughout the country regarding companies charged with aiding, abetting and harboring illegal aliens for financial gain. The highly publicized cases are seriously being addressed by government officials. Link is part of the enforcement effort to eliminate unlawful hiring of unauthorized employees.

The law requires employers to verify documents for each hire that indicate authorization to work. The complexity of these documents, the ease of forgeries, and the fear of violating a legitimate worker's civil rights make this area a potential quagmire for employers. The SAVE Basic Pilot Program

allows employers to quickly and easily check with immigration and social security databases to verify eligibility.

When federal, state, and county government agencies administer programs that deliver services and benefits to the public, they rely extensively on the Social Security numbers of those receiving the benefits and services. Credits to employees' earnings records determine their future eligibility and payment of Social Security's retirement, disability and survivor benefits. Using Social Security numbers accurately for these purposes can save the government and taxpayer hundreds of millions of dollars each year and help make sure programs are achieving their goals.

"Our program provides businesses with a safeguarding solution to workforce violations and illegality," Pitts added. "Link's mission is to provide our clients with useful tools to manage their businesses effectively and efficiently - as well as legally."

Founded in Houston, Texas, in 1980 by Bill and Karen Pitts, Link is a privately-owned industrial staffing company with 58 branch and franchise offices in 13 states. Link prides itself in being a leader in the recruiting and screening of industrial temporary employees. The personnel Link supplies ranges from skilled crafts and trades to light industrial, semi-skilled and general labor.

### **About Link Staffing Services**

Founded in 1980, Link Staffing Services provides staffing and productivity solutions to businesses and industry. The personnel Link supplies ranges from skilled crafts and trades to 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 over 55 locations nationwide. For more information, please visit [www.linkstaffing.com](http://www.linkstaffing.com), or call 1-800-848-LINK (5465).