

# Press Release

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## **DIXON-HUGHES FORMS ALLIANCE WITH RISK SOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL**

(June 17, 2005 High Point, NC)– Dixon Hughes PLLC, the certified public accounting and advisory firm, today announced an alliance with Risk Solutions International LLC, the premier operational risk solutions company. The companies will provide solutions to help educational institutions, government entities and businesses understand and effectively respond to risks that threaten their critical operating functions.

The alliance was formed to address the complex and threatening risks facing organizations today and the criticality of maintaining operations through the life of a crisis. Dixon Hughes' ability to provide world class solutions designed to help its clients improve competitive position and financial results will now include helping them look closely at their internal operations and processes through the services of Risk Solutions International.

In line with Dixon Hughes' strategy to ensure its clients' long term viability, Risk Solutions International understands how today's risks may impact the continuity of an organizations core business operation and financial stability, and therefore offers a full range of business continuity, emergency response, compliance, crisis management, investigative services, security and supply chain management services.

Dixon Hughes and Risk Solutions International will work with organizations to create strategies that mitigate operational risks so that their business operates uninterrupted at the same profit levels before, during and after a crisis strikes. The current corporate governance environment suggests that organizations– even privately held companies and governmental agencies— should be actively involved in mitigating the impact of foreseeable emergencies or crises prior to their occurrence and ensuring the resiliency of their businesses. The plans they have in place may determine the continued viability of their business.

“Education institutions, municipal and state government agencies, and businesses need help to understand and manage the risks they face to the continuity of their operations when faced with emergencies,” said Duane A. Lohn, Executive Vice President, Business Strategy and Alliances, Risk Solutions International. “Additionally, new regulations have set a higher standard for operational resiliency at organizations and mandate that senior management be involved strategically and tactically in the event of disruptions. We are thrilled to be working on these issues with Dixon Hughes and its clients.”

“Commercial businesses and governmental agencies have always looked to Dixon Hughes to provide sound financial advice and help them improve their financial and competitive positions” commented Carter Utzig, Member, Dixon Hughes PLLC, “Risk Solutions International can provide our clients solutions beyond the normal day to day events— a path when the unexpected happens. For some of our school boards, Risk Solutions International can provide unique ideas around U.S. Department of Education grant money to fund essential projects. Providing our clients with value is critical to sustain both our clients' and Dixon Hughes' success. Risk Solutions International allows us to expand the value we provide.”

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For over four decades, Dixon Hughes has provided accounting, auditing, tax and consulting services to businesses in a variety of industries. Our staff of over 725 employees in 27 cities serves clients throughout the United States, and our affiliation with Moores Rowland International provides access to resources in over 90 countries around the world. Our unique combination of regional, national and international resources, along with local firm responsiveness and personal attention, provide the perfect blend of professionalism and service. Additional information on Dixon Hughes PLLC can be found at [www.dixon-hughes.com](http://www.dixon-hughes.com).

Risk Solutions International provides a full range of business continuity, emergency response, compliance, incident and crisis management, investigative services, and security and supply chain management services. Risk Solutions International provides its clients with world class solutions and thought leadership for assessing, mitigating and managing the impact of their operational risk. Risk Solutions International practitioners are highly experienced thought leaders who have achieved the highest levels of professional recognition. They maintain active certifications from the leading industry associations and boards and are members of key industry standard setting groups. Additional information on Risk Solutions International LLC can be found at [www.rsi-llc.com](http://www.rsi-llc.com).