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***CIO Partners Announces Second Quarter 2008 Financial Results***

ATLANTA (July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008) – CIO Partners, a leader in Executive Search, IT Staffing and Recruitment Strategies, today announced financial results for the six months ending June 30, 2008.

Gross margin grew 7% in the first half of the year compared to the same period in 2007. Our Talentric business unit continued to show impressive gains, reporting 108% growth in gross margin over that same period. Talentric provides staffing services across a wide range of industries, including accounting/finance, legal, retail/restaurant operations and engineering.

“We are encouraged by the great growth in Talentric and will continue to grow this practice for the remainder of the year,” stated Chris Potter, Chief Financial Officer of CIO Partners.

We are moving forward with plans to invest in our infrastructure, specifically contract services and our Young Guns training program. CIO Partners is searching for a Director of Contract Services, with the goal of having the right candidate identified and in place within the next month. We would expect the new Director of Contract Services to begin contributing to the gross margin at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

Another important part of our strategic growth is Young Guns – an innovative, four-phase training program that develops entry-level candidates into staffing professionals. The program offers a unique approach to attracting, recognizing and retaining top talent.

“We continue to see success in this program as the Young Guns transition through the different phases quickly and are contributing to CIO Partners as expected,” Potter said. “We will continue to see returns on this investment in the second half of the year.”

**About CIO Partners**

Founded in 2001, CIO Partners is a privately held, national talent organization based in Atlanta, Georgia. The company offers services in Executive Search, IT Staffing, and Recruitment Strategies. CIO Partners provides its clients with its CIO RightHire Process to ensure both a cultural and a technical ‘best fit’ for long term success. CIO Partners employees benefit from an industry leading Employer of Choice plan and the company has recently been named by the Atlanta Business Chronicle as one of the Best Places to Work in Atlanta. The company was also named to the prestigious Inc 5000 list and was awarded one of Cobb County’s Top 25 Small Businesses of the Year. For additional information, visit [www.CIOPartners.com](http://www.CIOPartners.com).

**About Talentric**

Talentric Professional Recruiters (Talentric), a business unit of CIO Partners offers staffing services across multiple industries including accounting/finance, legal, retail/restaurant operations and engineering. Talentric Practice Leaders have previous corporate experience within their industry and are uniquely positioned to understand their clients' specific hiring requirements. Their extensive domain knowledge and vertical focus ensure a 'best fit' between a client's requirements and the candidate's experience.

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