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Atlanta CIO Hiring Index Shows Adjusted Demand for IT Talent in 2009 Q1

ATLANTA, GEORGIA (December 16th, 2008) – CIO Partners, a leader in Executive Search, IT Staffing and Recruitment Strategies, invited over 120 members of its Atlanta CIO Professional Network to participate in a survey regarding their Q1 2009 hiring projections. The survey consisted of seven key hiring questions regarding each leader's overall staffing plans for the first quarter of 2009.

Representing a shift from national hiring perceptions, over 40% of Atlanta CIOs stated that they will still hire additional staff in Q1 with a slight majority of companies shifting from permanent headcount to additional contract staff. However, it was reported that hiring plans have been altered with over 71% stating that the current economic climate has affected their staffing plans with 22% of companies planning to reduce overall IT headcount.

Another key point unveiled by the survey is that an overwhelming amount of CIOs believe that talented IT members are still hard to find, even with the current economic trending.

"In spite of recent economic woes talented IT workers remain in high demand in the Atlanta region," states Founder and President of CIO Partners H. Michael Burgett. "It is important that Atlanta based employers recognize that even in this current market the need to quickly vet candidates and approach the acquisition of IT talent more strategically than other disciplines where hiring talent may not be as competitive. Forward thinking companies especially those in the mid-market can take advantage of these interesting times."

The Atlanta CIO Hiring Index will be released on a quarterly basis.

About The Atlanta CIO Professional Network

The Atlanta CIO Professional Network is an invite only networking and philanthropic group comprised of CIO level technical leadership of all size organizations in the Greater Atlanta community linked in for mutual development and networking opportunities. Our active membership of over 120 Chief

Information Officers shares ideas and best practices via our email discussion list. To request membership in the group please visit www.CIOPartners.com/AtlantaCIONetwork.

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.

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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