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Workers and Managers Agree – More Hiring on the Way *Hudson Employment Index*SM Rises 2.9 Points to 107.1

NEW YORK, March 7, 2007 – The *Hudson Employment Index*SM improved for the second consecutive month in February, climbing 2.9 points to 107.1. An increase in the number of workers forecasting hiring primarily triggered the rise, supported by the third month-over-month improvement in workers’ perceptions of their finances. Despite gaining almost four and half points since December, the latest *Index* is nearly one point shy of last February’s reading of 108.2.

High Hopes for Hiring

After holding steady at 30 percent for three months in a row, the number of employees expecting their organization to hire rose two points to 32 percent in February. This is the most optimistic the work force has been regarding job creation since July 2006. At the same time, expectations regarding layoffs held at a record low of 14 percent.

Managers on the Same Page

Managers echoed workers’ sentiment, as their gauge of optimism rose to its highest level on record in February. As with all workers, an increase in the number of managers anticipating hiring from 30 percent in January to 33 percent spurred their rise in confidence.

“According to the *Hudson Employment Index*, workers and managers alike expect sustained strong job growth as more employers step up their hiring efforts in the months to come,” said Steve Wolfe, senior vice president, Hudson. “Thus far, the work force seems undeterred by news of weakness in certain sectors of the economy.”

Personal Finances Improve One Step at a Time

Since December, the number of workers who indicated their finances were improving has been steadily gaining one point each month, reaching 43 percent in February. The opposite is true for the number of

workers who said their financial situation was deteriorating, which fell one point each month, dropping to 36 percent. The seven-point differential between the two figures is the strongest in two years.

	All Workers Feb 2007	All Workers Jan 2007	Managers Feb 2007	All Workers Feb 2006
<i>Hudson Employment Index</i>	107.1	104.2	120.8	108.2
Expected Hiring	32%	30%	33%	33%
Indicated Finances are Improving	43%	42%	52%	43%
Indicated Finances are Getting Worse	36%	37%	29%	39%

*A more detailed data report is available at www.hudson-index.com.

Hudson, one of the world's leading professional staffing, outsourcing and talent management solutions providers, publishes the *Hudson Employment Index*, a monthly measure of U.S. worker confidence in the employment market. Results are not seasonally adjusted. Next month's *Hudson Employment Index* will be released on April 4.

The Hudson Employment Index

The *Hudson Employment Index* (Hudson-Index.com) is based on monthly telephone surveys with approximately 9,000 U.S. workers. The *Index* tracks aggregate employment trends regarding career opportunities, hiring intentions, job satisfaction and retention. The data is compiled each month by Rasmussen Reports, LLC, an independent research firm (www.RasmussenReports.com).

Survey results are segmented by 11 cities: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Tampa, and Washington, D.C. The *Index* surveys five occupational sectors: accounting and finance, health care, information technology, manufacturing and legal. The *Hudson Employment Index* also measures employee confidence by age, gender, race and compensation.

Data reported in this release is based on a national telephone survey of 9,167 working Americans during the month of February. The margin of sampling error for a survey based on this number of interviews is approximately +/-1 percent with a 95 percent level of confidence. The data is not seasonally adjusted. It will be reviewed at year-end to determine if seasonal adjustments are appropriate. The *Hudson Employment Index* is a service mark owned by Hudson Highland Group, Inc.

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