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## **U.S. Workers Remain Optimistic in March**

*Hudson Employment Index Rises for Third Consecutive Month*

NEW YORK, NY – April 4, 2007 – The *Hudson Employment Index*<sup>SM</sup> climbed to 109.0 in March from 107.1 in February. Improved sentiment regarding personal finances and job satisfaction prompted the third consecutive monthly rise in worker optimism. The latest reading is nearly three points stronger than last March's *Index* of 106.2.

Hudson (NASDAQ: HHGP), a leading provider of permanent recruitment, contract professionals and talent management services worldwide, publishes the *Hudson Employment Index*, a monthly measure of U.S. worker confidence in the employment market.

Looking at the findings more closely, the number of workers who rated their finances as “excellent” or “good” rose two points in March to 46 percent. Additionally, three-quarters of the work force indicated they were happy with their job, a one-point gain from February. Expectations around hiring and layoffs were unchanged, holding at 32 percent and 14 percent, respectively.

“Despite some recent worrisome news regarding the economy, particularly in the housing sector, U.S. workers remain upbeat about the job market,” said Robert Morgan, president, Hudson Talent Management. “Instead, low unemployment and steady, albeit somewhat slower, job growth are established trends that can help explain why most of the work force seems undeterred by bad news.”

Confidence among all managers slipped in March due to weakened sentiment relating to their finances. Specifically, the number who indicated their financial situation was improving fell three points to 49 percent, while there was a four-point jump in the number who said it was getting worse.

	All Workers Mar 2007	All Workers Feb 2007	Managers Mar 2007	All Workers Mar 2006
<i>Hudson Employment Index</i>	109.0	107.1	118.0	106.2
Expected Hiring	32%	32%	33%	32%
Indicated Finances are Getting Worse	37%	36%	33%	37%
Happy with Job	75%	74%	79%	75%

\*A more detailed data report is available at [www.hudson-index.com](http://www.hudson-index.com).

Results are not seasonally adjusted. Next month's *Hudson Employment Index* will be released on May 2.

## The Hudson Employment Index

The *Hudson Employment Index* ([www.Hudson-Index.com](http://www.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](http://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 9,082 working Americans during the month of March. 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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