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Worker Confidence Eases in April Following Record High

Hudson Employment Index Slips 1.5 Points Due to Financial Concerns

NEW YORK, NY – May 2, 2007 – Worker confidence edged lower in April, as the *Hudson Employment Index*SM fell 1.5 points to 107.5. Despite the decline, the April figure is among the highest from the past year. Financial concerns and lower levels of job satisfaction triggered the drop. The latest reading is essentially level with April 2006, when the *Index* registered 107.7.

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.

Financial Concerns Up, Job Satisfaction Down

Specifically, the number of workers who said their financial situation was improving fell two points to 42 percent in April, and the number who said it was getting worse rose a point to 38 percent. There was also a one-point uptick to 16 percent of employees who described their finances as “poor.” Another factor that contributed to April’s *Index* drop was a two-point decline among workers who were happy with their job to 73 percent.

“After appearing unaffected by rising energy prices for the past couple of months, U.S. workers are beginning to reveal the toll that paying \$3.00 for a gallon of gas has taken on their wallets,” said Robert Morgan, president, Hudson Talent Management. “On the other hand, job growth and low unemployment persist and continue to sustain worker sentiment.”

April 2007 vs. April 2006 – Looks Can Be Deceiving

Despite the nearly identical readings in April 2006 and 2007, there are quite a few differences in the factors contributing to the *Hudson Employment Index* year-over-year. In particular, significantly fewer workers forecasted layoffs and were concerned about job security this

April than one year prior. Conversely, there were greater expectations around hiring last April compared to this year. Those specific data points can be found in the accompanying chart.

	All Workers Apr 2007	All Workers Apr 2006	All Managers Apr 2007	All Managers Apr 2006
<i>Hudson Employment Index</i>	107.5	107.7	118.6	116.7
Expected Hiring	33%	34%	33%	34%
Expected Layoffs	14%	17%	14%	18%
Worried About Job Security	18%	21%	16%	19%

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

Results are not seasonally adjusted. Next month's *Hudson Employment Index* will be released on May 30.

The Hudson Employment Index

The *Hudson Employment Index* (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).

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 9,098 working Americans during the month of April. 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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