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Finance Concerns Continue to Weigh on U.S. Workers

Hudson Employment Index *Edges Down 0.6 Points in May*

NEW YORK, NY – May 30, 2007 – Worker confidence held steady in May, as the *Hudson Employment Index*SM inched down 0.6 points to 106.9. Financial worries alongside a modest decline in hiring expectations triggered the second consecutive downturn. Nevertheless, the latest *Index* is well above last May, when it registered 102.3.

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 Escalate

After spiking to 44 percent in March, the number of workers who said their finances were improving has slipped to 41 percent in May, marking the fewest employees to make this statement since December. This figure fell one point from April. There was also a one-point dip to 45 percent in the number of workers who described their finances favorably in May.

“Record gas prices this early in the year have increased workers’ anxiety when it comes to their finances,” said Robert Morgan, president, Hudson Talent Management. “To help ease this burden, which will likely only intensify in the summer months, employers should consider supporting their staff with gas-saving initiatives including carpooling, flextime and telecommuting.”

Hiring Expectations Point to Uncertainty

Following six consecutive months of stability or steady improvements, the number of workers forecasting hiring inched down a point to 32 percent in May. On the other hand, more managers said they expected their employer to add staff, boosting this group’s overall measure of confidence.

	All Workers May 2007	All Workers Apr 2007	All Workers May 2006	Private Enterprise Employees May 2007
<i>Hudson Employment Index</i>	106.9	107.5	102.3	104.9
Expected Hiring	32%	33%	32%	37%
Personal Finances Improving	41%	42%	40%	39%
Worried About Job Security	18%	18%	20%	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 July 3. Please note that this is one day earlier than it is typically released due to the July 4th holiday.

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 9,223 working Americans during the month of May. 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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