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Hudson Employment IndexSM Rises to Highest Level of the Year

Monthly Measure of Employee Confidence Climbs 3.1 points to 107.9 in June

New York, June 30, 2004 – The *Hudson Employment IndexSM* rose sharply in June, signaling continued strong job creation by the U.S. economy in the second quarter. The *Index* rose 3.1 points to 107.9, its 2004 high. The rise is the largest single-month increase in employee confidence recorded by the *Index* this year.

Overall, the numbers of employees and managers who report that their companies are adding jobs are at their highest level of the year (see chart). The percentage of workers who reported their employers have plans to hire grew 6 percent from May to 34 percent, while only 17 percent of workers reported their firms are laying off staff. Private-sector employees maintained their confidence in the job market for a third consecutive month with 39 percent reporting hiring. The percentage of managers who say that their firms are hiring jumped to 36 percent in June from 33 percent in May.

“The labor market seems to have regained its momentum after taking a breather last month,” said Jeff Anderson, senior vice president of Hudson Global Resources. “The percentage of workers that report hiring in their companies has reached its highest level this year, recording a 17 percent increase over December of last year.” He adds, “The trend displayed by the *Index* in the first six months of the year leads us to believe that the recovery in the job market is likely to be sustained, even though there may be month-to-month fluctuations.”

Percentage of respondents who say their companies are hiring in coming months.

	Dec 03	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
All Workers	29	31	31	33	33	32	34
Managers	32	33	32	35	35	33	36
Private-Sector Employees	32	36	36	38	39	39	39

Hudson, one of the world's leading professional staffing, outsourcing and human capital solution providers, publishes the *Hudson Employment Index*, a monthly measure of the U.S. workforce's confidence in the employment market. Next month's *Hudson Employment Index* will be released on August 4, 2004.

The Hudson Employment Index

The *Hudson Employment Index* (Hudson-Index.com) measures the U.S. workforce's confidence in the employment market. Based upon monthly telephone surveys with approximately 9,000 U.S. workers, the *Index* tracks aggregate employment trends around career opportunities, hiring intentions, job satisfaction and retention. The *Index* is compiled each month by Rasmussen Reports, LLC, an independent research firm (RasmussenReports.com).

Data reported in this release is based upon a national telephone survey of 9,189 working Americans during the month of June. The margin of sampling error for a survey based upon this many 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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