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Worker Confidence Increased Significantly in November *Hudson Employment Index*SM Rises to Strongest Reading Since April

NEW YORK, December 6, 2006 – The *Hudson Employment Index*SM gained nearly four points in November, climbing from 101.4 in October to 105.3. Improved hiring expectations and greater optimism regarding personal finances caused the measure of worker confidence to record its strongest reading since April. The latest *Index* is also more than five points higher than last November’s 100.1.

Hiring Forecast Perks Up

After peaking at 32 percent in July, the number of workers expecting their employer to hire fell steadily through October, dipping to 28 percent. That figure rebounded to 30 percent in November, while the number of workers forecasting layoffs declined for the sixth consecutive month.

Personal Finances Show Strength Approaching Holiday Season

Employees were more optimistic about the state of their finances in November than previously, as the number who rated their situation favorably rose two points to 45 percent. At the same time, the number who said their finances were improving held at a healthy 42 percent, while the number who reported the opposite remained low at 38 percent.

“Entering into the holiday season, it is somewhat unexpected to see workers looking positively at their financial situations, although this may bode well for retailers,” said Steve Wolfe, senior vice president, Hudson. “Looking ahead, we expect this sentiment to change, as most of the work force will soon have to stretch their paychecks to cover credit card bills inflated with holiday spending and higher than usual heating bills.”

A Stable 2006

Comparing worker confidence year-over-year, a stronger sense of job security and fewer concerns regarding layoffs contributed to the increase. This November, the number of workers forecasting job cuts

was 15 percent, while 17 percent were worried about job loss. Those figures were 18 percent and 21 percent, respectively, one year ago.

	All Workers Nov 2006	All Workers Oct 2006	All Workers Nov 2005	Managers Nov 2006
<i>Hudson Employment Index</i>	105.3	101.4	100.1	116.8
Expected Hiring	30%	28%	30%	31%
Rate Personal Finances Favorably	45%	43%	43%	56%
Concerned About Job Loss	17%	18%	21%	15%

*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 January 3.

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 9,288 working Americans during the month of November. 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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