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TOP GEORGIA LEADERS NOMINATED FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL TURKNETT LEADERSHIP CHARACTER AWARDS

Atlanta, GA (January 2, 2008) – Leaders of some of Georgia’s largest companies and organizations have been nominated for the Fifth Annual Turknett Leadership Character Awards. The statewide awards are presented by Turknett Leadership Group in partnership with Kennesaw State’s Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character, and are supported by Presenting Sponsor KPMG and Gold Sponsor Crawford & Co. Nominees and winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony on February 4, 2008 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Buckhead.

The Leadership Character Awards recognize individuals and companies for having unquestioned integrity, for treating customers, suppliers, co-workers and others with respect, and for maintaining a culture in which everyone takes responsibility for achieving results and upholding the company’s core values.

Among the 2008 nominees are: **Dean Eisner – Manheim, Rosalind Brewer – Wal-Mart, and Leo Wells -Wells Real Estate Funds** in the CEO/President/Partner Category; **Rachel Russell - AT&T, Shawn Anderson - Delta Airlines, David W. Connell - Georgia Power and Amy Whitley - UPS** in the Executive/Manager Category; and, in the new Education Category, **Dr. Beverly Tatum - Spelman College, Dr. Elizabeth Kiss - Agnes Scott College and Dr. Lisa Rossbacher – Southern Polytechnic State University**. More than fifty individuals were nominated before the November 26th deadline. A four person advisory group consisting of **Oz Nelson**, retired chairman and CEO of UPS, **Conchita Robinson**, president and CEO of C Robinson Associates, Inc., **Dr. Betty Siegel**, president-emeritus of Kennesaw State University and **W. Thomas Smith**, Founder and Managing Partner of Total Technology Ventures will select award winners.

In addition to the previously mentioned categories, individuals are also nominated in the Non-Profit category. Among this year’s nominees are: **Justine Boyd - YWCA, Samuel Jackson - EEI, Inc, Paula Mohan - American Cancer Society, and Alicia Philipp - Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta**. Reservations for the awards ceremony are open until January 28, 2008 and can be made online at www.acteva.com/go/turknett.

Turknett Leadership Group is known across the country for its work with executives and organizations in the areas of CEO consulting, executive and high potential development, and team and organization effectiveness. In 2007, TLG celebrated its twentieth anniversary.

Turknett Leadership Group is a management consulting firm in Atlanta, Georgia that focuses on aligning strategy, leadership and culture through services in the areas of Executive Development, Selection & Integration; Succession Planning; Team Assessment and Development; and Ethics, Retention & Culture Consulting. The Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character, an academically based institute at Kennesaw State University, seeks to inspire, enable and promote ethical conduct, decision-making and leadership for the common good.