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STANDING PARTNERSHIP EARNS 'FAST TRACK' AWARD FROM MISSOURI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Award Recognizes Missouri's Fastest-Growing Businesses

ST. LOUIS (Nov. 12 , 2007) – Standing Partnership received a 2007 Fast Track Award from the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The award recognizes the fastest-growing businesses in Missouri.

Standing Partnership, a public relations, strategic communications and issues/crisis management firm based in St. Louis, has experienced revenue growth of nearly 100 percent over the last three years. Last year's revenue was \$3.5 million.

"As a company that was founded in St. Louis and now has satellite offices on both coasts, Standing Partnership is really a model for business success," said Daniel P. Mehan, president and CEO of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"Their continued growth is a testament to the fantastic public relations services they provide to companies and organizations across all industries. We're proud to recognize Standing Partnership as being among Missouri's elite business growth leaders and as a 2007 Fast Track Award winner."

As a significant contributor to the field of reputation management, Standing Partnership is receiving increasing recognition. The firm recently was named to the Inc. 5,000 list of fastest-growing private companies and earned the St. Louis region's highest position in industry rankings by leading trade publications The Holmes Report and Jack O'Dwyer's Newsletter.

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry will honor Standing Partnership and five other Fast Track Award winners during the 2007 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on Nov. 15 in Kansas City. Gov. Matt Blunt will deliver the keynote address.

Standing Partnership is a leading, independent strategic communications firm specializing in public relations and crisis and issues management. The agency offers expertise for health care, industrial, plant and life sciences, and tourism and hospitality clients. Standing Partnership, based in St. Louis with locations in Portland, Ore., and Charlottesville, Va., has global reach through its membership in the [Worldcom Public Relations Group](http://www.worldcompr.com). For more information, visit www.standingpr.com.