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STANDING PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES ADDITION

ST. LOUIS (Dec. 20, 2005) – Standing Partnership, one of the Midwest's leading independent public relations firms, has hired **Michelle Cox** as an account executive.

Cox has been a freelancer for Standing Partnership since 1997 and has recently joined the team on a permanent basis. Prior to joining Standing Partnership, she ran her own writing and consulting business and was a journalist for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *Alton Telegraph* and other regional media outlets. Cox will provide media relations and writing expertise to clients including UniGroup, Inc., Northpark Partners, McEagle Properties LLC, Feld Entertainment and Advanced ICU Care.

Standing Partnership is dedicated to moving its clients forward through public relations, strategic communications and issues/crisis management. The firm has expertise in plant and life sciences, education, and tourism and hospitality; serves clients that are headquartered in the Midwest, or companies based elsewhere that desire to have a stronger presence in the Midwest.

EDITOR'S NOTE: To obtain photos of Cox in .jpeg format, please contact Jadea Abolahrari at 314.469.3500.

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