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### STANDING PARTNERSHIP HIRES NEW STAFF

ST. LOUIS (July 25, 2006) – Standing Partnership, one of the Midwest's leading independent public relations firms, recently hired **Patrick Lunsford** as account coordinator and **Carolyn Sutton** as manager of office administration.

With experience in news reporting, marketing and public relations, Lunsford will provide support to clients such as Maritz Inc., White Castle and McEagle Development. Lunsford earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia and while there, he worked as a feature reporter and weekend news anchor for KOMU-TV in Columbia.

Sutton has more than 20 years of experience in management, marketing and technology, running operations for several large companies in St. Louis prior to joining Standing Partnership.

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, and serves clients that are headquartered in the Midwest, or companies based elsewhere that desire to have a stronger presence in the Midwest.

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