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NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED PUBLIC RELATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS EXPERT COMES HOME TO HOUSTON

Public relations practice to offer national caliber expertise to mid-sized and large businesses.

HOUSTON, TEXAS – (June 30, 2008)—Houston native and nationally recognized public relations expert Scott Jones announced today the launch of his new company, N. Scott Jones & Associates Inc., specializing in corporate and stakeholder public relations. After eleven years away and working with some of the premier firms in the country, he has come home to Houston and launched his own company to serve mid-sized to large businesses seeking national caliber expertise and no-nonsense communications counsel.

Jones has gained an enduring reputation for his ability to develop pragmatic and measurable communications solutions to an array of complex business challenges. He has worked, and continues to work, directly with numerous CEOs and senior managers of *FORTUNE 500TM* and privately-held companies across the country. His stakeholder communications work has been published in the *Seton Hall Law Review* and his public relations program for a major dioxin contaminated Superfund site won a *US EPA Environmental Justice Award* for excellence in community relations.

Scott has served three US Presidents and two Texas Governors as staff, as an appointee and as volunteer leader for tasks they have placed upon him. At age 27, he was appointed by Texas Governor W.P. Clements Jr. to the Texas Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Board where he served as Chairman. Some four years later, Texas Governor George W. Bush asked him back to again serve as Chairman, spending a total of nine years as a Commissioner and Chairman of that regulatory agency.

"Returning my roots here in the Houston area is wholly consistent with my goal to offer a more traditional client-first commitment and measurable value in the services we provide," said Scott Jones, President of N. Scott Jones and Associates Inc. "The traditional values of client advocacy and great work as top priorities will drive our company. This, combined with Houston's thriving business economy, gives me great confidence in basing our company here." Jones most recently served as Executive Vice President and PR practice director for Dallas-based The Point Group.

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“During the near quarter century I have known Scott, he has distinguished himself as an accomplished professional and tireless public servant to his State,” said Jack M. Rains, Houston attorney, businessman and Texas’ 95th Secretary of State. “His experience, expertise and ability to bring insight and creativity to public relations and public affairs assignments would be an asset to any organization.” Mr. Rains serves as Chairman of a six-member Advisory Board of Directors for N. Scott Jones & Associates Inc.

CEOs, elected officials and business leaders from around the country have come to respect and rely upon his unique brand of no-nonsense, oft-times colorful style of advice and counsel. He is at home in the boardroom and yet can easily assimilate on the front lines of a company’s stakeholders — with credibility. Scott is renowned for his uncanny ability to bring calm to the middle of crises. Most will cite his ability to remain objective and provide sound judgment and communications counsel during a company’s greatest challenges. This commitment, passion for his clients’ interests and those who lead these organizations are in his DNA. Consequently, these relationships have endured the test of time and have averaged in excess of seven years.

“I am blessed with my family and so many friends, business colleagues and clients who have been so supportive in the formation of this company,” Jones added. “Their support, combined with a vibrant business economy here, gives me confidence we will continue to grow.”

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About N. Scott Jones & Associates Inc.

Houston, Texas-based N. Scott Jones & Associates Inc. is a full service public relations and public affairs firm specializing in corporate communications and public affairs, serving mid-sized to large businesses. Core competencies include media relations, organizational communications, crisis communications, environmental and risk communications, regulatory and community relations. Staffed by veterans in the public relations/public affairs fields, NSJ&A offers time-honored traditions of client-first mindset, commitment and advocacy. For more information and sample client engagements, please visit www.nscottjones.com.