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**ACG-LOS ANGELES ANNOUNCES ITS FOURTH ANNUAL
ACG CUP COMPETITION FOR AREA BUSINESS SCHOOL STUDENTS**

*The competition, which began in Los Angeles, is now held at
over 50 business schools throughout the nation*

LOS ANGELES – January 9, 2009 – The Los Angeles Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG-LA) today announced the details of its fourth annual ACG Cup, a case study-based competition among teams of business school students from leading Southern California MBA programs including:

- The Graziadio School of Business and Management, Pepperdine University
- The Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California
- The Argyros School of Business and Economics, Chapman University
- The College of Business and Economics, California State University Fullerton
- The Paul Merage School of Business, University of California Irvine
- The Rady School of Management, University of California San Diego
- The MBA Program, Loyola Marymount University

Teams of two to four students each receive a case study problem based on an amalgam of actual corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions (M&A) engagements. One week later, the student teams present their analysis, recommendations and conclusions to a panel of local ACG finance professionals and MBA program alumni who engage in a spirited debate meant to challenge and encourage the students. Following the preliminary competitions at participating universities in late January, one finalist team from each university will compete in the ACG Southern California Cup on February 12, 2009 at Cal State Fullerton for cash prizes totaling over \$20,000.

“Never before has real world experience been as crucial for MBA graduates entering the financial services industry as it is today,” said Doug Schreier, vice president of strategic liaisons at ACG-LA and a principal in transaction services at Deloitte. “Our competition’s success in Los Angeles has spread nationwide, and this year thirteen other ACG chapters are hosting competitions, with over 50 business schools participating. In 2010, we will take the Cup one step further by introducing a final competition among U.S. regional winners that results in a national ACG Cup winner.”

“ACG Los Angeles created the Cup competition four years ago to provide business school students the opportunity to test their classroom knowledge in a real-world setting and receive feedback on their performance from successful industry veterans,” said Scott Kolbrenner, president of ACG-LA and a director at investment bank Houlihan Lokey. “Each year, my team at

Houlihan Lokey creates a case study based on years of middle-market corporate finance and M&A experience, giving students valuable insights from a variety of perspectives. In today's competitive hiring environment, the ACG Cup sets these high-performing MBA students apart from their peers."

For more information go to <http://www.acgla.org/mc/page.do?sitePageId=79913&orgId=acgla>

About ACG Global

Founded in 1954, the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) is the global community for M&A and corporate growth professionals, helping connect capital with opportunity. ACG provides its members with the research, tools and networking opportunities to grow their businesses and themselves professionally. ACG has grown to more than 12,000 members from corporations, private equity, finance, and professional service firms representing Fortune 1000, FTSE 100, and mid-market companies in 53 chapters in North America and Europe. For more information, please visit www.ACG.org.

About ACG LA

The Los Angeles chapter of ACG, whose members created the ACG Cup competition four years ago, hosts monthly knowledge-based networking meetings for its 650 members and their guests. Meetings feature individual speakers or panels featuring corporate leaders speaking on a variety of corporate finance topics. ACG LA also hosts the largest annual conference focused on corporate finance, with over 1,500 people from across the nation. Past speakers have included Ret'd General Colin Powell, Prime Minister John Major, investor Sam Zell and many others. For more information about ACG Los Angeles, please visit www.acgla.org.

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