

## **ADDISON PROFESSIONAL SEARCH ACQUIRES HIRESYNERGY AND EXPANDS ADDISON'S STAFFING EXPERTISE IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY**

HOUSTON/CHICAGO / April 22, 2008 / Business Wire: Addison Professional Search, a rapidly-growing specialty staffing firm focused on providing top-quality contract and direct hire personnel for finance and accounting, information technology and administrative positions, today announced that it has acquired HireSynergy, a Houston-based executive search firm specializing in placing professionals in accounting, finance, and IT positions.

The deal expands Addison's expertise in serving the finance, accounting and IT staffing needs of the energy industry and strengthens the company's presence in the Southeast region. HireSynergy represents a second Houston location for Addison, which has additional offices in Chicago, Boston, Dallas, Jersey City, NJ, New York City and Schaumburg, IL. HireSynergy will continue to be led by Birgit Kamps, who has built the 38-person firm into one of *Inc.* magazine's "500 Fastest Growing Private Companies in America" and one of *Texas Monthly's* "10 Best Places to Work in Texas."

"We are thrilled to welcome Birgit and the HireSynergy team, who have an outstanding reputation and deep industry expertise that is a tremendous complement to our existing Houston practice," said Joel Katz, chief executive officer and founder of Addison. "Adding HireSynergy to our network is a perfect strategic fit and represents a key stepping stone toward our goal of becoming a top national firm that provides a broad range of specialized staffing services to our clients."

Birgit Kamps added, "We are extremely pleased to join forces with Addison, which has quickly become a dominant firm in this industry by offering deep domain expertise in selected services. We look forward to continuing to grow with the company as they expand their national footprint."

Addison, which was established in 1999, has been recognized in each of the last two years as one of the fastest growing private staffing companies in the US by *Staffing Industry Report* and as one of the "Fast 50" rapidly growing Chicago-based companies by *Crain's Chicago Business*.

### About Addison Professional Search

Addison Professional Search is a specialized staffing firm that provides highly qualified personnel, on both a temporary project and direct-hire basis, primarily in the areas of finance and accounting, information technology and clerical services. Addison serves a diverse client base of mid-sized businesses as well as Fortune 500 companies. Addison was founded in 1999 and has offices in downtown and suburban Chicago, Boston, Houston, Dallas, New York City and Jersey City, NJ. Additional information is available on the firm's web site at [www.addisonsearch.com](http://www.addisonsearch.com).

### About HireSynergy

HireSynergy is a Houston-based executive search firm that specializes in placing accounting, finance, and IT professionals into rewarding positions with local employers. Going beyond the traditional recruiting services, HireSynergy also offers consulting expertise in the hiring, selection and retention of high performance teams. Named one of *Inc.* magazine's "500 Fastest Growing Private Companies in America," ranked with the Largest Houston-Area Permanent Placement Firms, and named as one of Texas' "Top 10 Best Places to Work" by *Texas Monthly*, HireSynergy strives to define excellence in the field of recruiting. For more information on the firm, please visit: [www.hiresynergy.com](http://www.hiresynergy.com).

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