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**DUTKO WORLDWIDE AND PENNSYLVANIA-BASED
HANNA & ASSOCIATES ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP**

Dutko Allied Partnership Program Creates Unique Relationship
For Building Business and Servicing Clients

Washington, DC – May 17, 2006 – Dutko Worldwide, one of the nation’s fastest growing public affairs firms, announced today a new “Allied Partnership” with Hanna & Associates. The two firms will now work closely together to develop new business, service clients and share resources.

Dutko forged this partnership as part of the firm’s ongoing strategy to extend its national reach and offer value-added services and expanded resources. Allied Partners are uniquely skilled public policy professionals who are highly regarded practitioners in different public policy disciplines. Importantly, they bring a high level of service to clients “outside the Beltway.” Unlike most professional service relationships, this partnership asks both parties for a very high level of engagement – working everyday to build business and service clients. While they are closely aligned with Dutko, Hanna & Associates will maintain independent control of their business.

Hanna & Associates is the latest member of Dutko’s national team. The two firms have immediately partnered to represent Lucent Technologies, helping this technology leader expand its opportunities with the federal government.

“Mark Hanna is both well-established and extremely well-regarded,” said Ron Kaufman, chairman of the executive committee at Dutko Worldwide. “Together, we’re able to better serve clients throughout Pennsylvania, the mid-Atlantic, and here in Washington. They get access to our deep resources, and we get to work with one of the best business consulting firms in the mid-Atlantic.”

“Dutko’s Allied Partnership program was designed to create exactly this sort of close-knit, mutually beneficial relationship,” said Craig Pattee, president of Dutko Worldwide. “We take a team approach that has both firms equally invested in the relationship and working side-by-side.”

Mark Hanna, president of Hanna & Associates said, “Dutko’s global reach and multidisciplinary resources are simply unmatched among public affairs firms. Our combined resources will provide our clients with the best-in-class federal lobbying and the ability to address their needs at every level of government.”

For nearly 20 years, Pittsburgh-based Hanna & Associates has provided consulting services to major companies and non-profits. The core of the firm’s business is strategic counsel on critical business issues, however in recent years it has expanded its government affairs practice. Founder and president Mark Hanna is a longtime political strategist who has worked with both state leaders and members of Congress. Hanna & Associates has both local and national clients, including: Lucent Technologies, Sunbelt Graphics, CLT Energy, A&L Construction, and The Children’s Health Fund.

The partnership with Hanna & Associates is another step in Dutko Worldwide's unique strategy of building the first independent public affairs firm with a national and global multi-disciplinary public policy management capability. Other recent moves include adding a new office in Miami and hiring staff with experience in the White House, Congress, local government and political campaigns. In 2004, the company began a global affairs practice to help clients build public-private partnerships abroad, and opened an office in Prague that focuses on the markets of Central and Eastern Europe. The firm combines this worldwide reach with best-in-class federal lobbying and strategic consulting, state-based partnership-building, global strategic consulting, research and polling, and government marketing services.

About Dutko Worldwide

Dutko Worldwide provides comprehensive government affairs management and strategic counsel and helps build public-private partnerships with federal, state and international levels of government. Dutko is consistently ranked as one of the "top 10 most powerful lobbying firms" in the country by *FORTUNE* magazine. Dutko Worldwide's principal operating units are Dutko Global Advisors, Dutko Washington, Dutko State & Local, Dutko Research & Polling, and Dutko Government Markets. For more information, go to www.dutkoworldwide.com or call us at 202-484-4884.

About Hanna & Associates

Hanna & Associates is a national consulting firm based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania that provides strategic counsel to many of the nation's largest corporations, non-profit organizations, medical institutions and universities. Hanna & Associates works with corporate leaders, senior policy makers and state and local leaders to establish innovative partnerships and comprehensive legislative strategies. For more information, call us at 412-831-5465 or 202-479-7197.

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