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CAREERLINK ACQUIRES MA3, LLC, A TOP RECRUITING FIRM THAT PLACES FORMER MILITARY OFFICERS IN PRIVATE SECTOR

DALLAS, Feb 2, 2006 – CareerLink Companies announces the acquisition of Dallas-based MA3, LLC (Military Alliance and Associates, LLC), a nationally-recognized recruiting firm that specializes in placing former military officers and non-commissioned officers (NCOs) into the private sector. Founded in 2005 by a decorated former U.S. Army infantry field grade officer, Alex Powers, MA3 has gained a market foothold by pairing the coveted skills and experience of these individuals with clients in a wide range of industries, including distribution, energy, logistics, manufacturing, medical/pharmaceutical, property management, retail operations, Six Sigma quality improvement, supply chain management, technology and transportation. MA3 will continue to operate under the same name and its employees will co-locate with CareerLink in its Dallas offices. Alex Powers will continue to act as president of MA3, and the outlook is to hire additional recruiters as growth continues. The terms of the deal are confidential.

“As a growing firm with clients who need top talent, we welcome MA3’s expertise in bringing highly-skilled people to the table. Military officers are top-notch managers, typically with outstanding educations and technical expertise. They are used to overseeing large operations and transition well into the corporate environment as managers and executives. We are optimistic about our combined prospects,” said Suzanne Collins, CareerLink president.

As a longtime executive recruiter and a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm, Powers wanted to bring his professional experiences together to create a placement solution for former military officers. His company’s mission is to help these individuals to transition to civilian life and, if they are already in the private sector, to find the best opportunities for professional growth. Powers’ unique expertise in the recruiting industry has been featured on *CNN* and *CNN Headline News*.

"MA3 will become an integral part of CareerLink Companies. Suzanne Collins has created an outstanding executive search organization which is second-to-none, and adding a military division will strengthen the ability to bring clients outstanding personnel," said Powers. Powers also noted he is excited to team up again with CareerLink partner Charlie Quinn, who is also a former U.S. Army infantry officer and a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The two met twenty years ago at Fort Benning, Ga.

According to Powers, over 70 percent of Fortune 1000 companies have at least one C-level executive who is former military. Each year, tens of thousands of people leave the military, and about 15 percent are officers, creating a sizable pool of talented individuals seeking employment. Military personnel find success in a number of executive and management roles due to their training and experience coordinating the work of people and equipment. MA3 assists former military officers who already work in the private sector as well as those wishing to transition from active service to private sector jobs, typically placing them in positions with annual compensation of \$60,000 to \$200,000.

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Founded in 2000, CareerLink Companies, Inc. is a full-service recruiting and staffing firm that provides clients with a resource for both interim and direct hire needs for a range of industries, including healthcare/pharmaceuticals, energy/oil and gas, technology and finance/banking. Also under the CareerLink umbrella are two specialized companies; Consortio Solutions provides complete end-to-end HR services for several industry areas and HealthLinkRx provides recruiting services for the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries, including permanent, temporary, and traveling assignments. CareerLink's Dallas offices are located at 12750 Merit Drive (Building VII), Ste. 1015. Dallas, TX 75251. Phone (214) 987-1600, Fax (214) 987-1742. CareerLink-Consortio Solutions-HealthLink's Houston offices are located at 1232 Westloop South, Ste. 790. Houston, TX 77027. Phone (713) 227-7282, Fax (713) 227-5744. Both the Dallas and Houston offices can be contacted toll free at 1-866-218-1600. For more information, please visit the CareerLink Web site at www.careerlinkinc.com