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CAA Expands Rapidly to 38 Members with Western Insurance Agency

Austin, TX, February 10, 2009 - Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) today announced it has welcomed Tom Boren Insurance Agency, Inc. dba Western Insurance Agency of Copperas Cove, Texas as its 38th member agency. Texas-based CAA is a managing general agency (MGA) committed to strengthening the independent insurance agency system through profitable growth, quality and service for its member agencies.

“CAA continues to deliver more distribution channels to insurance company partners with this expanded Western Insurance Agency relationship,” said Michael Sachse, CAA executive vice president and president of Walthall, Sachse & Pipes, Inc., San Antonio, TX. “As we look over the coming months to add agencies outside of Texas to our network and further pool our members’ premiums, we will continue to empower our members with sales tools and management strategies to improve their bottom line and realize greater benefits from insurance companies, vendor discounts, and other incentives.”

Based in Copperas Cove, Western Insurance Agency has served the Texas hill country area for over 30 years with a complete line of insurance products, including: auto, home, business, life and health insurance. URL: <http://www.insurancefortexas.com/index.html>

“The CAA agents I know operate expanding agencies, have a strong handle on the insurance markets and care about doing the right thing,” said Tom Boren, president of Western Insurance Agency. “CAA has garnered a reputation for building a professional network of knowledgeable agents equipped with strong business acumen. I’m proud to join their ranks.”

CAA also wants to congratulate member Mark Bridges, producer of Edmond, Deaton & Stephens of Amarillo, Texas (a division of Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance Agency, Inc.) and son of CAA’s immediate past president Bill Bridges, for being installed January 21, 2009 as the president of the Independent Insurance Agents of the Panhandle.

About Combined Agents of America, LLC

Founded in 1997 Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) is based in Austin, Texas, and comprised of 37 independent insurance agencies located throughout the state. By funneling the agencies’ combined premiums, CAA brings larger volume commitments to insurance companies, while empowering its members to enlarge their bottom line and realize greater benefits from insurance companies, vendor discounts, and other incentives.

In 2007, CAA generated over \$387,000,000 in combined property and casualty annual premiums, and works with 18 of the largest insurance companies in the nation. CAA is nationally ranked as the number one independent agency in the southwest region by many of the top rated insurance companies and ranked 18th of the “Top 100” independent agencies in the nation by the *Insurance Journal* in 2008. All CAA member agencies remain independent and are recognized by insurance companies as a key component to their future growth and goal commitments. Additional information is available at www.combinedagents.com.

CAA member agencies include: Aars & Nelson Insurance Agency, Barnard Insurance Agency, Bartlett, Baggett & Shands, Benchmark Insurance Group, Benton-Luttrell-Brown Company, Bigham-Kliwer-Chapman-Watts Insurance Agency, BRIA Insurance & Risk Consultants, Bosworth & Associates, Bryan Insurance Agency Ltd., Brownrigg Insurance Agency Inc., Cravens-Warren & Co., Crockett Insurance Service, Duncan-Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Inc., Ed Weeren Insurance Agency Inc., EFGI Insurance & Bonds, LCC, Evans-Ewan & Brady Insurance Agency Inc., First Insurance Services, Henry Norris Insurance Agency, Inc., Garrett Insurance Agency, Inc., GBS Insurance Agency Inc., Grona Boles Martin Bloxsom Insurance, Insurance Associates of Texas, Insurance Net Inc., JHC Insurance Agency Inc., J. S. Edwards & Sherlock Insurance Agency, McCorkle Commercial Insurance Agency, Mims & Smith, Pierson-Fendley Insurance, Pinnacle Insurance Group Inc., Porter Insurance Agency Inc., Purifoy & Company, The Shropshire Agency Inc., Siegeler Insurance Agency, Inc., Walthall-Sachse & Pipes, Inc., The Weatherby-Eisenrich Inc., Wellmann Insurance Agency, Inc., Western Insurance Agency, and Whorton Insurance Services.

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