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Allied and Combined Agents of America Hook Up to Form Partnership CAA Member Agencies to Distribute Allied Products in Texas & Kansas

Austin, Texas, February 14, 2011 — Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) today announced that it has partnered with two new companies, Allied Insurance and Allied General Agency Company, and signed a master contract with them for the upcoming year. Under the terms of the contract, CAA member agencies can now offer its customers a wider range of commercial and personal coverage through Allied products. CAA is a closed managing general agency committed to strengthening the independent insurance agency system through profitable growth, quality and service with members located in Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma.

“This is a match with a lot of synergy. As a strong regional carrier all through the mid west, and across the nation, Allied will empower our members to offer a wider range of personal and commercial products to their customers, while CAA’s proven network will empower Allied to reach deeper in Texas and work closer with premium independent insurance agencies,” said Trent Richmond, CAA member and president of The Bridges Group, Inc. (Norton, Kansas). “Expect to see large growth bursting from this new partnership in 2011.”

“Allied Insurance and Allied General Agency are pleased with the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the agencies that compromise Combined Agents of America,” said Mike Pollard, Regional Vice President of Allied Insurance, Lincoln Regional Office. “We have found that CAA member agents represent true insurance professionals committed to both their customers and their communities.”

Allied Insurance is the property and casualty independent agency arm of Nationwide Insurance that markets a broad portfolio of personal and commercial products, including homeowners, auto, farm/ranch and business. One of the country’s largest multi-insurer and financial services organizations, Allied is headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa. Licensed in 33 states, Allied maintains a strong presence in several U.S. regions.

Allied General Agency Company is a nationwide company.

About Combined Agents of America, LLC

Founded in 1997, Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) is based in Austin, Texas, and is comprised of 47 independent insurance agencies located throughout Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. By funneling the agencies’ combined premiums, CAA brings larger volume

commitments to insurance companies, while empowering its members to realize greater benefits from insurance companies, vendor discounts and other incentives. In 2009, CAA generated over \$411 million in combined property and casualty annual premiums, and works with 18 of the largest insurance companies in the nation. 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, Bibby-Brilling & Associates, BRIA Insurance & Risk Consultants, Bridges Group Inc., Bosworth & Associates, Bryan Insurance Agency Ltd., Brownrigg Insurance Agency Inc., Cravens-Warren & Co., Crockett Insurance Service, Duncan-Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Inc., Ed Berrong Insurance Agency, Ed Weeren Insurance Agency Inc., EFGI Insurance & Bonds LLC, Elliott Insurance Group, Evans-Ewan & Brady Insurance Agency Inc., First Insurance Services, First Texas Insurance Services LC, Henry Norris Insurance Agency, Inc., HC&H Insurance Group, Garrett Insurance Agency, Inc., GBS Insurance Agency Inc., Grona Boles Martin & Bloxsom Insurance, Hill County Insurance Agency, Insurance Associates of Texas, Insurance Net Inc., JHC Insurance Agency Inc., J. S. Edwards & Sherlock Insurance Agency, Lake Insurance Agency, Inc., McCorkle Commercial Insurance Agency, Mims & Smith, Mr. Insurance Agency, Inc., 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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