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**CAA Expands Rapidly to 37 Members with
EFGI Insurance & Bonds
The Fourth New CAA Member in 2008**

Austin, TX, September 30, 2008 - Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) today announced it has welcomed EFGI Insurance & Bonds, LCC as its 37th member agency. 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.

"As CAA continues its expansion throughout the state of Texas, EFGI Insurance & Bonds is a key addition particularly for growth in the south region of the state," said Don Jones, CAA president and president of Crockett Insurance Service, (Crockett, TX). "This is our fourth new member in 2008. This year we are growing aggressively and even looking to expand our membership to high-caliber insurance agencies outside Texas."

Based in San Antonio, Texas, EFGI Insurance & Bonds was formed in 2002 when EFGI purchased the southwest Texas insurance operations from Employers General Insurance Group (EGIG), and hired much of the support personnel. Now EFGI's core staff has worked together for over 25 years. In 2004, Canez-Gunter Insurance & Benefits (CGIB) merged with EFGI greatly enhancing the employee benefits side of the agency. Now a full service agency, EFGI strives to build client relationships by "doing it right and doing it well." While EFGI designs and manages programs for a wide range of clients, it also specializes in the oil and gas, construction and transportation industries. URL:<http://www.efgi.biz>

"CAA's almost \$400 million in Texas premium commands attention in the marketplace, which greatly enhances our ability to perform and "get it done" for our clients. In joining CAA, we join the expansive networking power of 37 capable partner agencies and benefit from some solid strategic alliances," said Steve Jamison, Principal of EFGI Insurance & Bonds. "Personally, I will get to enjoy the camaraderie of some of the insurance industry's most capable and respected men and women. They are just flat fun to be around."

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, profit sharing 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, Bill Russell Insurance Agency Inc., 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 and Martin Insurance Agency Inc., 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., and Whorton Insurance Services.

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