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**CAA LOOKS TO EXPAND TO OKLAHOMA & KANSAS  
WITH POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS**

**AUSTIN, Texas, December 9** – Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA), at its quarterly meeting November 12-13, 2008 in Dallas, Texas, announced its expansion outside of Texas with potential new members in attendance from Oklahoma and Kansas. Texas-based CAA is a managing general agency (MGA) committed to strengthening the independent insurance agency system across the country through profitable growth and exceptional service for its member agencies.

"With 4 new members from Texas so far in 2008 and the potential of more outside of Texas in 2009, growth remains a top priority for CAA as internal networking continues to bolster our members' financial success," said Don Jones, CAA president and president of Crockett Insurance Service, Crockett, TX. "As we move to broaden our membership outside of Texas, we will be looking for those outstanding agencies across the country that exhibit the same kind of integrity and top performance that makeup our membership in Texas."

CAA's member agencies convene on a quarterly basis to knowledge share, discuss industry issues, review its relationships with insurance carriers, and assess CAA operations. Highlights from the recent board meeting include:

- New member presentation to independent agency prospects,
- Insurance carrier presentations by Service Lloyds Insurance Company, Cincinnati Insurance Company, Bituminous Insurance Companies, and Colemont Insurance Brokers.
- Colemont Insurance Brokers sponsored dinner for CAA members, and
- Member golf tournament at Cowboys Golf Club in Dallas, TX.

**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](http://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 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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