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**Contineo Expands Presence to Fort Worth, Texas
Hires Industry Expert to Lead Southern Region**

(SPOKANE, Wash. —) — Contineo, a company specializing in compliance, auditing, consulting, technology and managed services for a variety of industries, has expanded its corporate presence to the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas area and has hired a seasoned industry expert to run the operations in that region of the country.

In an economy that is pushing businesses to hold off on expansion, one Northwest company is seeing new opportunities for growth in the southern U.S. Contineo provides companies with professional services that directly impact their complex compliance, audit, technology and managed services processes. Focused on industries throughout the U.S., Contineo provides solutions to more than 200 companies representing finance/banking, health care, insurance, law, high-tech and real estate. With clients in 18 states, Contineo's growth is a result of increased corporate attention to regulatory, compliance and security issues affecting a client's ability to achieve continuity in the business environment.

"The southern U.S. region is an area of increased business interest," said Craig Sanders, CEO and president of Contineo. "We have had robust inquiries in all segments of our services from Texas and the surrounding states. Opening a field office in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and coordinating our efforts to further expand in that region was a strategic growth decision."

The Fort Worth office, which opened August 1, will be managed by Kara Lamphere, CIA, CAMS. Lamphere brings more than 10 years of experience working for and with financial institutions, government entities, corporations and not-for-profit organizations. Lamphere joined Contineo in July from First Command Bank in Fort Worth where she was the chief compliance officer. Her ability to implement and maintain a comprehensive regulatory and internal compliance program and develop enterprise-wide internal audit programs from the ground up has distinguished her in the region. She has achieved industry credentials as a Certified Internal Auditor and a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist. Her background in internal audit, public accounting, regulatory compliance and business management adds another level of

expertise and perspective to Contineo's audit and consulting engagements. The new offices, which opened August 1, are located in downtown Fort Worth in the Carter Burgess Building at 777 Main Street, Suite 600, 866-847-0100.

Helping Businesses Succeed

It is no secret that security is a hot topic among regulatory agencies, businesses and customers. Compromised security can cost millions or be catastrophic for a business whose success has been built on uncompromised trust. Contineo's experts assess client networks and host application systems to determine the adequacy of existing security controls and device configurations and identify potential security deficiencies.

Every month, billions of dollars in incorrect charges are paid on telephone and data communications bills. Contineo's telecom audit services have assisted customers in resolving incorrect bills and recovering more than \$1 million.

Utilizing proactive and preventative measures, Contineo's extensive knowledge and experience in diverse markets enables the company to protect clients from potentially disastrous events. According to Sanders, the decision to enhance a company's processes usually comes down to real or perceived threats to the continuity of business activities. "Every 60 seconds expert hackers break into a corporate network to steal information or corrupt the network with malicious programs. Contineo's vulnerability assessment and penetration testing services identify the vulnerable entry points on clients' networks and put the security measures in place to prevent intrusions, track and stop hacker activity."

Major corporations in Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, and Houston, Texas, Albuquerque, N.M., Boise, Idaho, Denver, Colo., Kansas City, Mo., Las Vegas, Nev., Phoenix, Ariz., Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash., have benefitted from Contineo's team of experts. Putting processes and systems in place to effectively prevent negative impacts and operate without unnecessary or unanticipated interruption is one aspect of Contineo's ability to provide comprehensive services that save clients time and resources, and provide them with reliable systems that protect their business over time.

About Contineo

Contineo is a professional services corporation specializing in compliance auditing, consulting, technology and managed services. We provide solutions to companies in various industries across the U.S., including finance/banking, health care, law, high-tech and real estate. Our strategy focuses on emerging solutions for complex business and compliance issues, allowing us to develop and simplify the processes that enable our clients to succeed in their marketplace. Established in 2000, Contineo is headquartered in Spokane, Wash., has a field office in Fort Worth, Texas and customers in 18 states. Visit the company Web site at www.contineotech.com

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