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Pathbuilders, Inc. Launches 20th Achieva® Class:
A Leadership Development Program for Women

Thirty sponsoring companies view year-long executive education and mentoring program as a strategic investment in high-potential female talent.

ATLANTA – High-performing professional women have been selected from 30 metro Atlanta companies to participate in Pathbuilders' 2008 Achieva® class, a year-long professional development program designed for mid-level executive women with senior executive potential. Pathbuilders kicked off its 20th Achieva class on May 13 at the Omni Hotel at the CNN Center.

"Over these 20 classes, we have positively impacted 300 companies and more than 2500 women," said Helene Lollis, president of Pathbuilders. "This year, 13 executive-level women from Fortune-ranked organizations, who were themselves mentees in earlier classes, are serving as mentors in the program. A record 85 percent of our mentors are returning to participate in this year's programs."

Achieva includes one-on-one external mentoring with a senior executive to create a deep, professional relationship that challenges each participant to dramatically expand her perspectives.

"Much of the reward I take away from being a mentor is having the opportunity to personally impact the growth of an upwardly mobile woman," said Jacqui Welch, six-time mentor, 1998 class alumna and vice president of Employee and Organizational Effectiveness at Rock-Tenn Company. "My relationships with my mentees have broadened my perspectives and have provided me with invaluable insights into my own organization."

The program also includes educational sessions and peer networking to help position each woman as an influential leader within her organization. Participants learn how to build their executive presence, develop more strategic views and lead their companies toward greater success.

Pathbuilders offers professional development and mentoring programs designed to address each of the four key stages in a woman's professional career:

- InsigniaSM focuses on entry-level women, up to two years into their careers.
- PerceptaSM is tailored for junior-executive women learning to manage people and projects.
- Achieva[®] is comprised of mid-level, high-potential women, recognized as having senior-executive potential in their organizations.
- Inspiria[®] is designed for senior-level women leading and setting vision for their organizations.

Mentees in the 2008 Achieva program are sponsored by the following organizations:

AT&T Corporation
 Avon Products, Inc.
 Ceridian Corporation
 Cisco Systems, Inc.
 Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.
 Deloitte
 Ernst & Young LLP
 Georgia Power, a Southern Company
 Haverty Furniture Companies, Inc.
 Heatcraft Refrigeration Products, LLC
 Holder Construction Company
 InfiCorp Holdings, Inc.
 InterContinental Hotels Group
 Kimberly-Clark Corporation
 KPMG LLP
 McKesson Provider Technologies
 Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
 Munich American Reassurance Company
 NCR Corporation
 Oglethorpe Power Corporation
 Piedmont Healthcare
 ProCore Solutions
 RBC Bank
 Rock-Tenn Company
 Siemens Energy & Automation, Inc.
 Solvay Advanced Polymers LLC
 Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
 Southern Company
 The Weather Channel Interactive, Inc.
 Verizon Wireless

About Pathbuilders Inc.

Pathbuilders partners with Fortune-ranked companies to create gender-diverse senior leadership teams that directly contribute to the bottom-line. Pathbuilders combines executive education and peer exchange with structured mentoring to develop high-impact female leaders who move their companies forward. The company offers formal mentoring programs and customized solutions to develop high-potential female talent at each of the four distinct phases of women's careers. Since 1995, Pathbuilders has worked with more than 300 organizations and has positively impacted the careers of nearly 2500 Atlanta-area women. For more information visit www.pathbuilders.com.

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