

Merger of independents creates new Northwest leader

Portland, OR (May 16, 2011) Leading financial services and employee benefit consulting firm, The Partners Group, is expanding its expertise and geographic reach by adding a new partner: Baldwin Resource Group – a Seattle-based firm with a wide range of expertise, including commercial insurance, enterprise risk management, employee benefits and business consulting.

The merger transforms The Partners Group into one of the largest independent financial services, employee benefits and insurance brokerage firms in the Northwest. Clients will now have access to more comprehensive solutions, including a full range of commercial insurance products and expertise.

Baldwin Resource Group also brings to the partnership a number of strategic advisory services in the areas of operations, mergers and acquisitions, human resources, litigation support, business continuity planning and more.

The two Northwest companies come together to form an uncommonly powerful full service firm. While the majority of the marketplace is served by firms controlled outside the Northwest The Partners Group will stay true to their roots and become a stronger independent firm to meet the demands of their increasing client base. Roderick B. Cruickshank, , President & CEO of The Partners Group explains, “Being independent allows us the freedom to continue to be client focused. This move is evidence to our employees, partners and clients that remaining privately held and locally-owned means we’ll continue answering only to our clients—not Wall Street “

ABOUT THE PARTNERS GROUP The Partners Group (TPG), is a Northwest-based, locally owned financial services and employee benefits consulting firm. As an independent firm, TPG has been helping employers design, manage and communicate the value of benefits programs for more than 30 years. The company has consistently been named one of Oregon's fastest-growing companies and top places to work.

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