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### ***Executive Sounding Board Expands Its Services to Government Contractors***

*Baltimore, MD – August 5, 2004* – Executive Sounding Board, LLC, a Baltimore, MD regional merger and acquisition (M&A) firm has entered into a strategic alliance with Core Capital Group, a Colorado Springs, CO-based M&A firm providing support services to middle market government technology companies.

“Our alliance with Executive Sounding Board will allow us to give our clients in that region more direct support throughout the M&A process,” said Terry Piddington, Senior Partner at Core Capital Group. “Core Capital Group and Executive Sounding Board are committed to working as a seamless team in representing both buyers and sellers of government technology companies in the Washington, DC area. We are very excited about this alliance.” Allen Stott, Managing Director at Executive Sounding Board added: “We look forward to working closely with Core Capital, and leveraging their many years of experience in the government technology sector combined with our local presence to provide superior services to clients in this region.”

Core Capital Group and Executive Sounding Board are proud of their ability to produce sound transactions for their clients. Both companies are members of the International Network of M&A Partners (IMAP), an exclusive global partnership of leading merger and acquisition advisory firms serving the middle market, with 80 offices in 20 countries.

#### **About Executive Sounding Board**

Founded in 1978, Executive Sounding Board is a corporate development advisory services firm operating in Baltimore, MD, specializing in mergers, acquisitions and divestitures of middle market businesses.

#### **About Core Capital Group (CCG)**

Founded in 1990, Core Capital Group is an investment banking firm with offices in Colorado Springs, CO and San Diego, CA, providing a full range of M&A support services exclusively for middle market companies within the technology sector.