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Businesses Seek Cost-Cutting Alternatives in Market Downturn

Regus Business Center Helps Companies Reduce Facilities Cost and Business Risk

St. Charles, IL – (March 03, 2009) - The Regus Group (LSE: RGU) has opened its first fully-furnished and equipped business center in the Chicago area since the national economic downturn, responding to growing demand for cost effective places to work with flexible terms that align with the way business gets done today. Located in The Plaza building on the Fox River, the center is Regus' first in St. Charles and its 29th in the Chicago suburban area, further solidifying the company's market leadership in the Midwest.

A Significant Cost-Cutting Opportunity

"St. Charles is a thriving community that offers easy access to business opportunities in the Chicago area," said Jeff Doughman, Regional Vice President for Regus. "Regus provides the right solution for any company requiring a business presence here. Since one type of office does not fit all, we provide a full range of workplace products – from a virtual office that establishes a local presence, to day offices and meeting rooms, to full time offices." Doughman continued, "Perhaps most important, our clients are experiencing up to a 60 percent savings on their facilities costs over leasing traditional office space."

Regus' cost savings products also include videoconferencing studios that are available by the hour to facilitate face-to-face meetings while reducing travel costs. Regus reports a 40 percent increase in videoconference bookings and estimates that meeting via videoconference cuts the average cost of business travel by 75 percent.

When travel is required, Regus' **Businessworld** membership program provides another method for companies to save money and explore new market opportunities. Whether a company is seeking to grow its business in Chicago, across the U.S. or internationally, this revolutionary membership program provides convenient access to business-ready offices, meeting rooms and lounges for less than \$25 per month.

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A Vibrant City with a Strong Economic Base

Located just 35 miles west of Chicago, St. Charles has continued to attract entrepreneurs and businesses that want access to the Chicago market without a lengthy commute. A prosperous community with a strong economic base, the city is currently revitalizing the downtown area with significant new retail, office and residential space.

In addition to cost-cutting, Doughman says that smart companies will seek new market opportunities to help them counteract the recession's impact. "Many businesses are tapping new markets to expand their offerings in order to grow," he explained. "Regus' business-ready space in St. Charles allows our clients to grow in a secure, cost-effective and accelerated fashion."

About The Regus Group

The Regus Group is the world's leading provider of pioneering workplace solutions, with products and services ranging from fully equipped offices to professional meeting rooms, business lounges and the largest network of videoconferencing studios. The Regus Group delivers a new way to work, whether it's from home, on the road or from an office.

Clients such as Google, GlaxoSmithKline, IBM and Nokia join thousands of growing small and medium businesses that benefit from outsourcing their office and workplace needs to The Regus Group, allowing them to focus on their core business.

Over 400,000 clients a day benefit from Regus Group facilities spread across a global footprint of 1000 locations in 450 cities and 75 countries, which allows individuals and companies to work wherever, however and whenever they want to.

For more information about how The Regus Group can help business owners expand their presence, reduce risk and compete effectively, visit www.regus.com.

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