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**The Wexford Group International Announces New Office
Opening in Southern Pines, North Carolina**

*Southern Pines Office Is Third Main Office In US; Will Serve Key Areas Of Fort Bragg,
Pope Air Force Base And Surrounding Areas*

Southern Pines, NC – The Wexford Group International (WGI) announced today it has signed a lease for a building to open a regional office in Southern Pines, North Carolina – strategically located in the south-central part of the state near Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base. The more than 6,000 square-foot building, formerly the BB&T Bank, will house employees who will work with government clients at Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, and with corporate and other government clients throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions.

The Wexford Group International's office in Southern Pines, set to open in December, comes as the company has been named one of the fastest growing companies in the Greater Washington, DC Area. WGI will occupy the building once renovations to modify the former banking facility are complete.

WGI's Chief Executive Officer, Lt. Gen. (Ret) Bill Reno said, "We look forward to becoming an active member of the Southern Pines community, and we think the city has a lot to offer. Southern Pines provides us with a great location to serve our clients and a wonderful place for our employees to live. We look forward to our office opening in December."

Southern Pines Mayor Frank Quis noted, "We are very pleased to have The Wexford Group International open their newest office in downtown Southern Pines. Given our proximity to Fort Bragg and Raleigh, as well as our quality of life, we are confident that their employees will find it a great place to live and work."

"From our perspective WGI and Southern Pines are a great fit," said Ray Ogden of the Moore County Partners in Progress. "This is the type of business we like to support and the people we've met are certainly the type we like to see as members in our community."

Home to many of the world's most famous courses, the local area of the Village of Pinehurst is slated to be the site of the 2007 Women's U.S. Open and the site of the 2005 U.S. Open. Charlotte and Raleigh are easy drives to and from the office, located at 520 Southwest Broad Street, and visitors can drive in on U.S. 1, U.S. 15-501, N.C. 211, N.C. 2 and N.C. 5. Commercial flights are available through Charlotte and Raleigh, with three to five roundtrip commuter flights daily connecting Charlotte to the region's airport. Amtrak arrives daily at the Southern Pines station.

The Wexford Group International is a worldwide provider of process improvement and reengineering services to business and government clients since 1992 (under the name Applied Solutions International). WGI is a business of choice for developing innovative solutions to complex business, engineering, organizational, and management problems. In addition to consulting nationally, WGI currently manages projects overseas in central and eastern European countries in Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Georgia and Hungary to support



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