



WALEK & ASSOCIATES NAMED FASTEST-GROWING INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL PR FIRM FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

NEW YORK, AUGUST 2, 2006 – Walek & Associates, a top-10 independent financial public relations firm, was the fastest growing firm in its sector for the second consecutive year, according to the 2005 annual rankings published by J. R. O’Dwyer Co., Inc.

“Our clients demand – and we deliver – ongoing, consistent and creative media exposure,” said Thomas Walek, founder and president. “As a mid-size financial services firm, we are uniquely positioned between our larger counterparts focused primarily on mega-deals and the smaller shops with limited resources and a narrow focus. This positioning allows us to deliver the knowledge, service and results that our clients demand.”

Walek & Associates reported 2005 net fees of \$1.942 million, up 53 percent from 2004, which was up 64 percent from 2003.

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