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**SolomonEdwardsGroup Announces  
Brian Markley Promoted To Lead Chicago Office**  
*Markley, who previously served as a Principal of SEG, will continue  
to head the firm's national SEC and regulatory advisory practice*

**CHICAGO – March 27, 2007** - SolomonEdwardsGroup, LLC (SEG), a CFO services firm, is pleased to announce that Brian G. Markley, CPA, has been promoted to serve as managing director to lead the firm's Chicago office. In his new role, Markley will be responsible for the overall success and growth of SEG's Chicago office. This includes the office's business consulting and accounting services along with its professional search and interim resources practice. SEG, which currently operates out of six offices with over 250 employees and growing, opened its Chicago office in June of 2005.

Markley joined SEG in 2002 and most recently served as a principal in the firm's Philadelphia office. He has focused on providing clients with consultation on regulatory compliance matters including SEC and US GAAP technical advisory, Sarbanes-Oxley compliance and mergers and acquisitions. In addition to leading the firm's Chicago practices, Markley will also continue to head the firm's national SEC & regulatory advisory practice and serve a diverse multinational client base representing a broad range of industry sectors.

"Brian's advancement to lead our Chicago office is a natural progression in his career at SolomonEdwardsGroup," stated Edward S. Baumstein, CPA, president and chief executive officer of SEG. "He has been a member of our leadership team for more than five years and, throughout this time, has demonstrated his passion and commitment to our company, our clients and our candidates, time and time again,"

"I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the growth and success of our firm" stated Brian G. Markley, managing director of SEG's Chicago office. "We've built a very unique suite of solutions for finance professionals and the organizations in which they work. It is a distinct honor to serve our firm by expanding our presence in the Chicago market."

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Markley's career experience includes extensive public accounting and financial controllership with concentrations in SEC and regulatory compliance, technical accounting matters, complex transactions, mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings and international business. He began his career in the business assurance practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, where he served clients in the middle market, manufacturing and technology sectors. Prior to joining SEG, Markley was the global corporate controller for Reef SA/NV, a Belgium-based venture backed software company, where he was responsible for all of their financial operations.

Markley graduated from the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Ind. and is a Certified Public Accountant. He has served as a frequent guest lecturer to universities and professional organizations on accounting, auditing and compliance topics.

### **About SolomonEdwardsGroup, LLC**

SEG uniquely combines business consulting and accounting solutions with a professional search and interim resources model. The firm offers proven solutions to complex business issues including internal and external financial reporting, tax matters, business combinations, fraud and forensic services, internal audit, regulatory compliance, risk management, business process optimization and systems integration. SEG also provides permanent placement and temporary staffing services – from contingency and retained search for core positions, as well as interim resources for seasonal periods or special projects.

SEG, which was established in 1999, has expanded from its corporate headquarters in the Philadelphia, PA suburbs to additional offices in Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL; Dallas/Fort Worth, TX; Roseland, NJ; and Washington, DC. For more information, please visit [www.solomonedwards.com](http://www.solomonedwards.com).

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