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**SolomonEdwardsGroup Expands into Dallas/Fort Worth, TX;
Steve McLaurin Joins as Managing Director**

(Dallas/Fort Worth, TX – May 2, 2006) SolomonEdwardsGroup, LLC (SEG), a leading professional services firm that provides expertise in Accounting and Finance, is pleased to announce it has opened a new office in **Dallas/Fort Worth, TX**. **Steve McLaurin**, a former PricewaterhouseCoopers partner and IBM executive, has joined to lead the new office as Managing Director. McLaurin has over 17 years of experience working with CFOs and CIOs from middle market to Fortune 100 companies. His areas of expertise include: financial accounting, auditing, information technology risk management, Sarbanes-Oxley, enterprise resource planning (ERP) and financial reporting system implementations. In these roles, McLaurin has managed and implemented a variety of solutions, including Hyperion and JD Edwards. He is also a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA).

SEG, which was established in 1999, has expanded from its corporate headquarters in Philadelphia, to Atlanta; Washington, DC; Chicago; New Jersey; and now Dallas/Fort Worth. The Company's strategic vision is to open offices across the United States to meet the growing needs of clients.

"Expanding southwest to the Dallas/Fort Worth region presents many exciting opportunities for us," stated Edward Baumstein, President and CEO of SEG. "The need to provide business consulting, accounting, and staffing services in Texas continues to grow, and we are prepared to meet and exceed the needs of clients and candidates in the marketplace. We are excited to have Steve McLaurin, a native of Dallas/Fort Worth and seasoned professional, join us to lead our newest office."

McLaurin began his public accounting career with Coopers & Lybrand in 1990, after two years as a systems analyst with General Dynamics. He became a partner in the PricewaterhouseCooper LLP (PwC) assurance practice where he focused on auditing and information technology risk management. McLaurin transferred to the PwC Consulting practice and, following IBM's purchase of the PwC Consulting in October 2002, he became an executive with the IBM BCS Financial Management practice.

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“I’m pleased to join the high caliber team of professional accountants, business consultants, and search and staffing experts at SolomonEdwardsGroup,” stated McLaurin. “A significant part of my career roots were formed while serving clients in Dallas/Fort Worth. I am excited to return my focus to this market and bring the capabilities of SolomonEdwardsGroup to Dallas/Fort Worth.”

McLaurin has been recognized for his accomplishment by *The Business Press* in its "40 Under 40" listing, and by *Texas Business* as one of its "Lone Stars." He is also a member of Leadership Fort Worth. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Evangel University in Springfield, MO, where he also served as a Professor of Accounting Information Systems. In 2001, he was recognized as “Outstanding Young Alumnus” by Evangel University.

About SolomonEdwardsGroup, LLC

SEG uniquely combines business consulting and accounting solutions with a professional search and interim resources model. The Company offers proven solutions to complex business issues including 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. For more information, please visit www.solomonedwards.com.

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