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THE ALLIED GROUP EXPANDS ITS MEDICAL CLIENT ROSTER *Information management firm announces the addition of UMass Memorial Medical Center and Lifespan*

CRANSTON, R.I. (May 2, 2005): The Allied Group, a regional supplier of business documents, commercial and digital printing, Internet technology, and fulfillment services headquartered in Cranston, R.I., announces that it has added two new clients, UMass Memorial Medical Center of Worcester, MA and Lifespan of Providence, RI.

The addition of these two organizations brings the total number of medical clients that Allied assists with document management programs to 20.

“We are thrilled to be associated with these two prestigious New England healthcare organizations,” states Bob Clement, president and CEO of The Allied Group. “Healthcare and, specifically, hospitals remains our largest market segment. We have been able to achieve significant improvements and proven results for our similar hospital clients.”

The Allied Group has extensive experience in the hospital market segment. “We have reduced our clients’ document systems costs, assisted with their marketing and fund development initiatives, and provided them with a trusted partner for all their communication needs including areas of compliance and confidentiality,” concludes Mr. Clement.

UMass Memorial Center serves Central and Western Massachusetts with a full range of healthcare services. UMass Memorial is known for providing its patients and the region with a wide range of specialists renowned for their work in areas such as cancer, cardiology, emergency medicine, children’s medical services (including an internationally recognized newborn intensive care unit), and women’s health. It remains the area’s tertiary/quaternary care referral center.

Founded in 1994 by Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital, Lifespan is the state of Rhode Island’s first health system. A not-for-profit organization, Lifespan partners include Rhode Island Hospital, Hasbro Children’s Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, Bradley Hospital, and Newport Hospital. A \$1.374 billion organization, Lifespan has over 10,000 employees, 2,451 affiliated physicians, and 1,167 licensed beds, and has become one of the most recognizable names in area healthcare.

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