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IMPROVING JOB MARKET LEADS TO EXPANSION FOR TECHLINK NORTHWEST'S PORTLAND, OREGON OFFICE

Portland, Oregon – February 21, 2005 – Techlink Northwest is expanding their Portland Oregon operations to support the continuing strong demand for technical workers. “We have seen a major increase in contract engineering needs over the last 6 months within our Portland region” says Donn Harvey Techlink Northwest’s President. He points out that the use of temporary engineering support is historically a leading indicator of an improving technology labor market. Techlink Northwest’s Portland staff reports increasing difficulty finding available engineers with certain skill sets, increases in client demand for permanent engineering talent; a higher than usual conversion of temporary engineers to regular employees and upward wage pressure at all engineering levels.

In order to support this growth, Techlink Northwest today announced the addition of two key staff members to its Portland, Oregon office. Greg Bishop joins the organization in the role of Sales and Office Manager; Diane Hilton joins as senior recruiter. Both individuals have extensive experience in high tech recruiting and sales and will continue the successful expansion of Techlink Northwest into the Oregon and Southwest Washington contract engineering staffing markets.

Greg Bishop has been involved in technical sales in various capacities for over two decades. Prior to joining Techlink Northwest, he was successful in building sales territories in the Pacific Northwest for microelectronic test and fabrication equipment manufacturers. He was also very active in the sales of technical services and software solutions. Greg is very well known throughout the Northwest microelectronics community and has developed very strong relationships with the many customers he has served. Greg is very supportive of technical through societies through IEEE and other organizations to serve the microelectronics community. Greg holds a BS Degree in Engineering from Cal Poly.

Diane Hilton joined Techlink as a technical recruiter with 15 years experience in technical staffing & recruiting. Her areas of expertise include Software Engineering, Enterprise Web Services, Hardware Engineering, Manufacturing, Applications, Sales & Marketing, & Compliance. She has worked with Fortune 500 companies as well as entrepreneurial start-ups in assisting them with their hiring needs that range from senior level management to junior staff, contract & perm. Diane holds a BS in Behavioral

Science from University of Oregon & worked at Oregon Research Institute prior to going into recruiting.

“We are excited to have Greg and Diane join our organization and bring their extensive experience to us. Greg’s technical knowledge and support activities with high tech organizations in the Pacific Northwest are invaluable. Likewise, Diane’s senior management and engineering recruiting experience and contact base in the Northwest can be leveraged immediately”, said Donn.

About Techlink Northwest:

Techlink Northwest is focused on providing engineering support for all phases of the Hardware or Software product development process from feasibility to design, manufacturing and customer support. Techlink Northwest is a partner in the success of local technology companies by providing the contract or permanent engineering support needed to meet their client’s technical and schedule commitments. Techlink Northwest has offices in Portland, OR and Bellevue, WA with a sharp regional technology focus.

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