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**PERSONNEL DECISIONS INTERNATIONAL HIRES JAMES McLAREN
AS GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE**

MINNEAPOLIS (Nov. 24, 2008) – Personnel Decisions International (PDI), a global leadership consulting firm specializing in talent management and leadership development, today announced James McLaren as the new general manager of PDI's New York office.

In his new role, McLaren will oversee all client work in PDI's New York operating office. McLaren will be responsible for sales, consulting delivery, and overall operations in the New York and surrounding markets.

"We're excited to announce James' leadership position with our New York office," said Teri Hires, Ph.D., leader of PDI's U.S. eastern region. "His experience and familiarity with the New York and Tri-State area makes his perspective and insight valuable as we execute our growth plans in the market."

McLaren joins PDI from Hewitt Associates where he was a senior consultant in its New York office. His primary work in this role focused on global talent management solutions design and delivery for senior executives at *Fortune* 500 companies. With his clients, he was responsible for the full range of talent management product and service delivery. He has specific expertise in leadership competency modeling, leadership assessment and development, and performance management—all areas of expertise for PDI.

McLaren's career includes more than 15 years of talent management consulting experience in North America, Europe, and Asia. Prior to Hewitt, he was a practice leader in talent management consulting at Hudson Highland Group in Australia and a director in human capital consulting for Alexander Mann Group, also in Australia.

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ABOUT PERSONNEL DECISIONS INTERNATIONAL

Personnel Decisions International (PDI) is a global leadership consulting firm with distinctive expertise in building leadership talent that provides our clients with real competitive advantage. With more than 750 team members in 30 offices around the globe, PDI partners with the world's leading organizations, enabling them to make consistently effective talent decisions about leaders.

Using field-tested strategies and tools that are unique in the industry—we help clients identify, develop, and deploy superior leaders. Our aim is simple—the well-placed confidence that clients' current and future leaders are distinctively stronger than the competition, resulting in sustained, superior performance. For more information, contact PDI client relations at 920.997.6995 (in the U.S. 800.633.4410) or visit PDI's Web site at www.personneldecisions.com.