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## Leslie Jutzi Joins the Dallas Logistics Hub Team

**Dallas (January 23, 2006)** —The Allen Group, a major developer of industrial and office properties across the western United States, has announced Leslie Jutzi to direct the governmental affairs and community relations efforts on behalf of the Company's Texas operations, particularly The Dallas Logistics Hub.



Ms. Jutzi comes to The Allen Group from the City of Dallas, where she was Project Manager for the City's Dallas NAFTA Trade Corridor Project. During her tenure with Dallas, the City executed and implemented historic international trade agreements with the Mexican Ports of Manzanillo, Topolobampo, and Lazaro Cardenas. The City also signed agreements with the Port of Houston Authority and Dallas' surrounding southern cities to further trade and economic development.

Before her service with the City of Dallas, Jutzi worked in the private sector as a lobbyist and attorney. She handled a variety of issues, including corporate, transportation, environmental, security and real estate transactions ranging from \$25 million to \$5 billion.

Ms. Jutzi is a graduate of Michigan State University where she received a B.A. in International Relations. She is also a licensed attorney in the State of Illinois and holds an Energy & Environmental Law Certificate from Chicago-Kent College of Law. She resides in Grand Prairie, Texas with her husband and their daughter.

The Allen Group has recently opened a Dallas office for both Leslie Jutzi and Dan McAuliffe, recently named Vice President of Development, to manage the daily operations of the Dallas Logistics Hub. Informational inquires may contact the office by calling 214-459-2830.

## The Dallas Logistics Hub

The Dallas Logistics Hub, a future center for worldwide trade, is a major intermodal industrial park planned for southern Dallas County. The 5,000 acre development is the largest new logistics park in North America. It is, in essence, a major "inland port" that will facilitate the distribution of products by rail and truck from Mexico, the Gulf, and the Pacific to the rest of the country.

## The Allen Group

The Allen Group is a San Diego-based commercial development firm that specializes in rail-served industrial parks and build-to-suit facilities, including Class A office buildings. The Company has developed over a half a billion dollars of commercial property in California and across the West, including two master-planned logistics parks: the MidState 99 Distribution Center (www.midstate99.com), south of Fresno, California and the International Trade and Transportation Center (www.ittc.com) near Bakersfield, California.

With offices in San Diego, Visalia and Bakersfield, California, and its new office in Dallas, Texas, The Allen Group is trusted by Fortune 500 companies such as VF Corporation, Cox Communications, FedEx, International Paper Company, Intuit, Kraft Foods and Wal-Mart Stores. The Company has major industrial and office projects under development across California and in Texas.

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