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Furst Group Garneres Top Rankings from National Publications

ROCKFORD, Ill., May 22, 2009 – Furst Group has again been named one of the leading search firms in the country – as well as one of the fastest-growing – by two of the nation’s most distinguished trade publications, signifying the stature and success of the company.

Modern Healthcare, the industry’s leading authority on news and trends in health care, has again named Furst Group as a Top 10 executive search firm for 2008/2009. The ranking is based on the number of total placements of senior-level positions within the health care industry.

Executive Recruiter News also recognized Furst Group’s prominence as being among the 25 largest search firms across all industries and the third-fastest-growing executive search firm in the country. Furst Group grew by almost 20 percent in fiscal year 2008 and now has six U.S. offices.

“Our strategy of customizing our search process to fit the needs of each client has paid off,” commented Sherrie Barch, Furst Group’s president. “We’ve continued to gain market share in C-suite search engagements based on our demonstrated understanding of a client’s unique culture, performance metrics and distinct profile.”

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In 2009, the company is continuing to invest in specialty practices including management information, development/philanthropy, and patient safety and quality initiatives. In addition, a strong commitment to improving an already cutting-edge infrastructure continues to drive the company's performance.

"These are leading-edge competencies that health care organizations increasingly are asking us to help define and source," said Bob Clarke, CEO. "At a time when the economy has created uncertainty, it has also created opportunity. We are doing all we can to respond to our clients' needs in an effective manner."

Furst Group is ranked among the 10 largest executive health care search firms in the nation by *Modern Healthcare*. Furst Group provides effective solutions to the hiring challenges facing health care organizations across the country collaborating with managed care organizations, hospitals and health systems, integrated delivery systems, medical group practices, health care products and services companies, insurance companies, and end-of-life care businesses. Furst Group is headquartered in Rockford, Ill., and has offices in Minneapolis, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Phoenix, Dallas and Seattle. Further information about Furst Group can be found at the company's Website, www.furstgroup.com.

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