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Pearson Partners International Welcomes Admiral James M. Walley, Jr. to Board of Advisors

(DALLAS, TEXAS—February 29, 2012) - <u>Pearson Partners</u> <u>International</u>, a global retained executive search firm headquartered in Dallas, Texas, announces Admiral James M. Walley, Jr. has joined the firm's advisory board. A retired two-star United States Navy Rear Admiral Upper Half, Walley is president of CE2 Solutions Inc., a Dallas-based consulting company focused on construction and real estate development.



"We're honored to have Admiral Walley join our team," said Keith Pearson, president and vice chairman of Pearson Partners International. He added, "With his accomplished military career and extensive business experience, Admiral Walley will be a great asset to our firm and our clients." Walley brings over three decades of public- and private-sector experience as a construction contractor, engineering consultant and owner's representative.

Walley served for 34 years in various capacities with the United States Navy and Navy Reserve. His final position with the Navy was Deputy Commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command, where he oversaw a 750-person engineering field activity. He also performed construction contract administration on projects ranging from office buildings and military housing to a rocket fuel facility and a 650-bed hospital. Walley served two tours of duty in Vietnam and provided direct operational support for Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He earned numerous decorations over the course of his military career, including the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, two Meritorious Service Medals, four Navy Commendation Medals and a Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V.

In the private sector, Walley served as Director of Commercial Construction for Archon Group/Goldman Sachs where he was responsible for execution of more than 400 of Archon's projects. He also provided consulting services to other Goldman Sachs operating partners. Walley founded CE2 Solutions, Inc. in 2005. The firm provides owner's representation services to developers, property owners, financial institutions, hospitals and legal firms.

A registered professional engineer, Walley is a Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers and a Neutral with the American Arbitration Association. He also founded and



serves as president of The Wealth of Nations, Inc., a nonprofit corporation whose goal is to foster capitalism in the United States through educational outreach programs. Walley earned a B.S. in civil engineering from Tulane University, an M.S. in civil engineering from George Washington University, and an M.B.A. from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas and Virginia and is a Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Pearson Partners Internationals' <u>advisory board members</u> are selected based on industryspecific leadership and knowledge. The Advisors meet quarterly to review the firm's business progress and to provide external insight and advice to strengthen the company. Walley joins 12 existing advisory board members that include Joe Bosch, EVP and CHRO, DirecTV; Bob Estrada, Chairman and Chief Compliance Officer, Estrada Hinojosa & Company; Jim Flynn, CEO, Wingstop Restaurants; Sanjay Joshi, Managing Principal, ZS Associates; Rex Kurzius, Founder, Timberhorn; Greg Langston, Founding Partner, CresaPartners; Roz Mallet, CEO, Phase*Next* Hospitality; John Murphey, Retired Former Chairman and CEO, Bell Helicopter Textron; Bob Potter, Ph.D., CEO, R.J. Potter Company; Warren Strickland, Owner, Ranger Ventures; Craig Sutton, CFO, Rasa Floors; and Tom Walker, President, Brittany Partners.

About Pearson Partners International

Based in Dallas, Texas, Pearson Partners International is a retained executive search firm that helps companies in all industries recruit and retain top talent, from middle management to the board room. In addition, Pearson Partners offers executive assessment, leadership development and coaching services. The firm serves clients in The Americas, Asia, the Middle East and Europe. For information, visit www.PearsonPartnersIntl.com or call 214-292-4130.

Pearson Partners was founded by industry veteran <u>Robert Pearson</u>, previous chairman and CEO of LAI Worldwide – at the time one of the largest and fastest growing publicly traded executive search firms in the world. At Pearson Partners, Bob has assembled a team of professionals who love what they do and bring more than 130 combined years of diverse, results-oriented retained executive search experience.

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