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**CHAMPION TAKES STEPS TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
NORTH AMERICAN CONVENTION AND VISITOR BUREAUS**

***Industry sales and business development veteran Mark Szymczak joins Champion's  
expanding Washington DC office to strengthen connections with  
North American event and convention bureaus***

**WASHINGTON DC, February 26, 2008** – Champion Exposition Services (Champion), a leading provider of comprehensive event solutions and exposition services, today announced that Mark Szymczak has joined the company's Washington D.C. office as Senior Marketing & Sales Executive. Additionally, Champion announced plans to expand its offices at 625 North Washington Street.

Prior to joining Champion, Szymczak was the National Sales Manager for the Washington D.C. Convention and Tourism Corporation and most recently served as the Director of Eastern Regional Accounts for the Austin, Texas Convention and Visitors Bureau. Szymczak began his career in the exposition service industry as Sales Executive and Convention Service Manager for GES based in Washington D.C. for more than nine years.

"We're very excited to have a professional of Mark's caliber join the growing Champion team in Washington," said David Perkins, executive vice president of sales, Champion. "We're confident that his knowledge and experience in both the exposition service industry and working for and with regional convention bureaus will be a tremendous asset for Champion as he expands on the company's relationships with local associations across North America in the coming year."

Szymczak is actively involved with the Greater Washington Society of Association Executives, American Society of Association Executives, Professional Convention Management Association and International Association for Exhibition Management. He attended Mary Washington College, where he received a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration.

**About Champion Exposition Services**

Champion Exposition Services (Champion) is a leading provider of comprehensive exposition and corporate event services. Since 1986 Champion has been one of the top general service contractors in North America, providing innovative solutions and services to help their clients and exhibitors excel. Champion is part of the WCP (Wachovia Capital Partners) Exposition Services Holding Company, which also includes Immersa Marketing and the George Fern Company. It is one of the largest event marketing and service providers in the country with locations in 22 cities and more than 500 expert employees producing over 1200 events annually. More information on Champion can be found at <http://www.championexpo.com/>