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Clarkston Consulting Joins The Pharmaceutical Industry Association of Puerto Rico to Support Regional Growth in the Life Sciences Industry

Durham, NC - September 5, 2005. Clarkston Consulting, a global management and technology consulting firm in the life sciences and consumer products industries, is pleased to announce their new membership to The Pharmaceutical Industry Association of Puerto Rico. The PIA-PR's mission is to strengthen the presence of the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry in Puerto Rico. Members include many of Clarkston's key clients with growing manufacturing facilities on the most industrialized Caribbean island.

The region represents a strategic area of growth for the firm who does business with over half of the world's top life sciences companies including Wyeth, Novartis, Mylan Laboratories, and Johnson & Johnson. The pharmaceutical industry generates over 30,000 direct jobs in Puerto Rico and exports have reached \$37 billion or 67% of all island exports.

We are looking forward to Clarkston's participation in PIA-PR. They will play an important role in our continued development and thought leadership in the pharmaceutical industry in Puerto Rico. Stated Agustin Marquez, Executive Vice President of PIA PR.

Clarkston presented their company mission and services overview at the Executive Committee meeting on August 26. They will also be exhibiting at the November PIA Annual Convention to be held at the Paradisus Hotel and Resort and facilitating the Committee Workshop, *International Regulatory Inspections - Trends and Expectations for Puerto Rico*.

"Our growth in Puerto Rico and emerging relationships with the manufacturers in the area has been rewarding for Clarkston. Stated Monty Hamilton, Regional Managing Partner for Clarkston's South Region. The people of Puerto Rico are a delight to work with and we look forward to assisting with the expansion of the life sciences industry on the island."

About Clarkston Consulting

Clarkston Consulting is a leading management and technology consulting firm that provides strategic business solutions for clients within the life sciences and consumer products industries worldwide. These market leaders turn to Clarkston to help them bridge the gap between strategy and execution to sustain a competitive advantage. Clarkston is a sought-after business partner because of its recognized industry thought-leadership and superior client relationships, as



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