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PERMA Goes Live with Tropics Claims System

Sarasota, Florida, April 20, 2006 –Public Employer Risk Management Association, Inc. (PERMA), New York’s largest member-owned, municipal association providing workers’ compensation for public entities, went live this week with Tropics Software Technologies’ Claims System.

The four-month data conversion from PERMA’s legacy system to Tropics Claims System was considered successful by both parties. PERMA President Brent Wilkes attributed the impeccable conversion to “an incredible team of staff and vendors that combined skill with focus to produce a flawless gem.” He added, “It’s a work of art as much as a technological feat.”

Tropics CEO/President Mike Mobar attributed the ‘technological feat’ to the great knowledge, experience and skills possessed by the staff and management of both companies.

PERMA VP of Technology, Betty DiMaria, agreed and said, “Both companies possess considerable expertise in project management, claims processing techniques and data conversions - the combination of which produced an invincible team. While Tropics put their talented software architects to the task of designing our custom solutions, PERMA’s seasoned claims staff wrote and carried out the test scenarios. Everyone at PERMA is extremely optimistic about the new efficiencies and enhanced service levels we stand to gain with the Tropics Claims System.”

Mobar expects improved PERMA workflow with Tropics Claims System, especially with Tropics intuitive workflow automation and real-time interface with ISO ClaimSearch. The workflow automation tools let clients automate many tasks that would otherwise be done by people. The ISO ClaimSearch allows users to catch fraudulent claims by cross-referencing ISO’s database for possible matches.

About PERMA

PERMA, Public Employer Risk Management Association, Inc., is a member-owned, not-for-profit association of municipal entities in New York state, providing cost-effective, high quality workers’ compensation coverage through a group self-insurance program. For more information, visit www.perma.org.

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About Tropics Software Technologies

Tropics Software Technologies is a national software company specializing in workers' compensation insurance systems. They provide integrated, web-enabled policy, claims and financial systems. The company offers a comprehensive set of configurable modules, based on workflow and document automation, which boost business efficiency. For additional information, call (888) 925-1234 or visit www.GoTropics.com.

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