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Postlethwaite & Netterville Implements Email Encryption Software to Further Protect Confidential Data

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Baton Rouge, LA, January 1, 2007 - Postlethwaite & Netterville will implement Tumbleweed MailGate Secure Messenger email encryption software effective January 15, 2007. Tumbleweed is being implemented in efforts to stay on the forefront of client confidentiality.

MailGate Secure Messenger requires users to enter a password to open attachments to emails meeting certain criteria. For P&N, all email attachments will be encrypted. The firm's outbound emails are also trackable. Users are able to see if the recipient received and opened the attachment.

The software will allow P&N to better comply with corporate policies and protect intellectual property. The firm believes that the new MailGate Secure Messenger software will allow clients to feel more comfortable sharing secure data via the Internet.

"In our continuing efforts to protect confidential information, we will begin encrypting attachments to our emails. This includes Word (doc) and Excel (xls) files as well as Adobe Acrobat (pdf) files, to name a few," said George Balhoff, director at Postlethwaite & Netterville, who is responsible for firm technology decisions. "For our clients, there will be a small step to download the encrypted files; however, the added confidentiality benefits far outweigh the few seconds that are required to access the attachment."

With offices in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Donaldsonville, Gonzales and St. Francisville, Postlethwaite & Netterville, is the largest Louisiana-based public accounting firm.

