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BAY AREA 2009 HIRING FORECAST SURVEY RESULTS **Majority of survey participants report increase or flat hiring needs**

SUNNYVALE, CA (March 10, 2009) – West Valley Staffing Group, an independent and privately owned staffing agency, recently polled a variety of hiring managers in various sized companies throughout the Bay Area about their hiring needs for the first half of 2009. Each participant was asked the same question, "Do you anticipate your hiring needs to increase, remain steady, or decrease in the first half of the year and beyond?"

So what was the outcome? The good news is that over half the companies surveyed (51%) said their hiring will either remain steady or increase in the first half of the year. Alternately, 49% said their hiring may decrease in the first half of the year.

This isn't the best news, but what does it really mean? While the media continues to report how bad the economy is, is there some light at the end of the tunnel?

"Several industries in the Bay Area continue to thrive, including government, energy, sciences, entertainment, and more," says Mike Williams, President and CEO of West Valley Staffing Group. "Ultimately, the stories of success are often hidden away or overlooked, because they are just not as sensational as the stories of layoffs and bankruptcies that make headlines."

For a fresh perspective on the Bay Area hiring forecast, or for additional information about the statistics above, call us at 408.735.1420 or visit us online at www.westvalley.com.

West Valley Staffing Group (WVSG) brings over 40 years experience providing comprehensive staffing services and solutions - through four specialty companies. Established in 1968 as West Valley Engineering, the company was one of the first in the valley to offer temporary technical services to Silicon Valley companies. In 1984, Prostar Staffing was founded to provide clerical and administrative personnel to the growing number of companies in the area. In 1995, West Valley Technology and Accountants Now! were founded to satisfy the demand for specialized information technology and accounting professionals, respectively. Today, all four companies fall under the umbrella organization, WVSG, which has offices in Sunnyvale, Pleasanton, and beyond.

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If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with the President and CEO of WVSG, Mike Williams, please call Andrea Jaramillo at 408.735.1420 ext. 3120 or email her at ajaramillo@westvalley.com