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Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte Announces Three New Hires

New Orleans (June 14, 2005) – Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte, L.L.P., one of the top-ten accounting firms in the city, recently announced three new hires: Ms. Mandy E. Montalbano, Mr. Troy D. Rush, and Mr. Benjamin J. Johnson joined the Certified Public Accounting and Consulting Firm as Staff Accountants in the Audit Department.

Both Ms. Montalbano and Mr. Rush graduated in May 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. Ms. Montalbano received her degree from Louisiana Tech University, while Mr. Rush's degree is from Northwestern State University.

Benjamin Johnson received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Our Lady of Holy Cross in 2003. He also holds an MBA ('03) from the University of New Orleans.

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