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### **ARNOLD & PORTER LLP EXPANDS ITS GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS GROUP**

*Prominent Group of Six Lawyers Join Arnold & Porter's Leading Government Contracts Group to Create One of Top Practices in U.S.*

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 5, 2007 – Arnold & Porter LLP announced today the addition of a prominent group of six lawyers to its government contracts practice. The group will expand Arnold & Porter's depth, breadth and visibility in litigation, investigations, transactional and capital markets work. The expansion will simultaneously strengthen client relationships in the areas of defense and aerospace; healthcare and pharmaceuticals; and national and homeland security. This key group, combined with Arnold & Porter's existing government contracts team, will create one of the top practices in the government contracts field in the United States.

David Metzger, Mark Colley, Craig Holman and Paul Pompeo join Arnold & Porter as partners. Kristen Ittig and Kara Daniels will join as counsel. Mr. Metzger will reside in the Northern Virginia office, and the others will reside in the Washington, D.C. office.

"We excited to welcome this highly regarded team, whose expertise is closely aligned with our own government contracts practice," said Arnold & Porter Chair Thomas Milch. "With the addition of this deep group of talented lawyers, we will have one of the country's premier government contracts groups in place to meet client needs."

"The government contracts field is becoming ever wider in scope, and now includes homeland security, information technology, data security, electronic surveillance and international procurement issues," said Jeffrey Smith, head of Arnold & Porter's Government Contracts and Public Policy Group. "Combined with our existing strengths, this team will enhance our firm's expertise in this increasingly complex arena."

Background on the individual lawyers:

David Metzger has served as a past president of the Boards of Contract Appeals Bar Association (BCABA). He is a recipient of a lifetime achievement award from BCABA and serves as Chairman of BCABA's Executive Policy Forum. He has extensive experience on Capitol Hill and served for four years as Director for Innovation and Procurement Policy at the U.S. Small Business Administration. Mr. Metzger's law practice concentrates on all aspects of federal government contracting law, including litigation, bid protests, claims and contract administration issues. He has a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Mark Colley is a litigator focused on government contracting issues. He has prosecuted and defended numerous federal and state bid protests before the Government Accountability Office,

U.S. Court of Federal Claims and other tribunals involving a wide array of military and civilian agency procurements, including classified acquisitions, major weapons systems, sophisticated technology, engineering and other professional services. He has substantial experience defending Federal False Claims Act actions, including *qui tam* proceedings. He received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and served as a law clerk to John W. Kern of the D.C. Court of Appeals.

Craig Holman practices in the areas of government contracts and commercial litigation. He litigates claims, default terminations, appeals, protests, and commercial disputes for government contractors and also provides a wide array of government contracts legal counseling. He has litigated cases before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the Fourth Circuit, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the Government Accountability Office, the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, and various other federal and state courts and forums. In September 2006, the *Washington Business Journal* named Craig Holman as a leading Washington lawyer in the “Young Guns” category. He has a J.D. from The George Washington University Law School.

Paul Pompeo provides counsel in all phases of government contracting, with particular experience in accounting, cost and pricing issues. He represents clients in compliance counseling, protests, claims, appeals and ADR, as well as transactions. Mr. Pompeo is Co-Chair of the Accounting, Cost and Pricing Committee of the ABA's Public Contract section and successfully represented the contractor in a precedent-setting cost accounting case: *Gould, Inc.* Mr. Pompeo served as Vice President and General Counsel of the Government Systems and Services Division of Johnson Controls, Inc. He has a J.D. from Catholic University of America and an LL.M in Procurement Law from George Washington University.

Kristen Ittig focuses on all aspects of federal government contracts law, including litigation, compliance, bid protests, claims and contract administration issues. She has experience handling security clearance litigation matters before the Defense Office of Hearing and Appeals, as well as before the Department of Justice's Access Review Committee. She has a J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School.

Kara Daniels provides a wide variety of government contracts law services. She handles bid protests, claims and related litigation. She also counsels clients on diverse government contracts issues including cost and pricing and intellectual property matters. She has a J.D. from The George Washington University Law School.

Arnold & Porter's Government Contracts practice has served the firm's clients in public procurement markets at the international, federal, state and local level since the firm's founding in 1946. The firm's lawyers were active participants in many of the most significant and visible government contracts developments that occurred over the last half century. Since the tragic occurrences of September 11, 2001, Arnold & Porter has been heavily engaged in assisting clients who produce goods and services in bio-defense, many of which are now essential to national defense. In recent years the firm also has assisted clients from many industry sectors in responding to homeland security challenges and opportunities, including procurement,

indemnification, heightened attention to issues of foreign ownership, control and influence in government contractors and congressional oversight of procurement practices.

The Government Contracts group is headed by Mr. Smith, who served as General Counsel of the Senate Armed Services Committee and as the General Counsel of the CIA. Arnold & Porter's team includes leading government contracts lawyers Ronald Schechter, Steven Diamond, Drew Harker and Jeffrey Handwerker. The group works closely with Ronald Lee and John Barker, whose expertise focuses on national security law and homeland security aspects.

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