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**The Collingwood Group Enters Into Strategic Partnership  
With Valued Veterans™**

*Firm continues its commitment to support diverse suppliers and  
service disabled veteran-owned businesses in financial services*

**JANUARY 17, 2012. WASHINGTON, D.C. (PR Web).** The Collingwood Group (Collingwood) is pleased to announce that it has entered into a strategic partnership with Valued Veterans™, a service disabled veteran-owned small business that provides professional residential and commercial property valuation services. In keeping with its long-standing commitment to promote diverse supplier companies, including service disabled veteran, minority, and women-owned business, Collingwood will work with Valued Veterans to help identify and close opportunities to expand its business into the federal sector, where today the company's penetration is limited. In addition, Collingwood will work with the company to grow its already sizeable commercial sector business by expanding its footprint to include major financial services companies.

In the current economic environment, in particular, many diverse suppliers lack access to both opportunity and capital, and therefore their ability to scale is impeded and their opportunities for success are limited. The Collingwood Group helps qualified diverse suppliers overcome these challenges.

In addition to delivering best-in-class real estate valuation services, Valued Veterans actively supports veterans that seek to develop careers in the valuation services industry through its appraisal mentor program.

"We are pleased to establish this important business relationship with Valued Veterans and honored by the opportunity to support our nation's veterans as we work to grow Valued Veteran's success in the financial services industry," said Brian Montgomery, Chairman of The Collingwood Group.

Brian O'Reilly, President of The Collingwood Group, agrees. "Since its founding, The Collingwood Group has actively supported and incubated best-in-class diverse supplier businesses to meet the ever-increasing counter party requirements of large financial services companies and federal departments and agencies. The barriers to success for diverse and service disabled businesses are similar to those encountered by many small, non-diverse firms," said O'Reilly.

Andrew Belt, President and CEO of Valued Veterans, established the organization, which has a mission to, among other things, promote stewardship and public trust,

provide exceptional quality mortgage related products, and put Veterans to work. Belt served in combat as a United States Marine Corps Platoon Sergeant with 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance, where he received a Combat "V" for personal valor.

“Collingwood has a proven track record of success assisting firms of all sizes grow their businesses in meaningful ways,” said Belt. “In particular, Collingwood and its team understand the unique business challenges faced by diverse service provider businesses and possess the skills, access to opportunity and capital, and industry standing required for a small business to succeed and grow in this dynamic industry. We are proud to join forces with the Collingwood team,” Belt continued.

### **About The Collingwood Group**

The Collingwood Group ([www.collingwoodllc.com](http://www.collingwoodllc.com)) is a Washington, DC-based business advisory firm focused on growing clients' businesses, promoting revenue growth and increasing investment returns. The firm is led by Brian Montgomery, former Assistant Secretary for Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner and by Joe Murin, former President and CEO of Ginnie Mae. Both played major roles in the federal government's efforts to address the nation's financial crisis and restore stability and liquidity to financial markets. The firm's expertise spans all aspects of Agency, non-Agency and FHA/VA housing financing programs; Ginnie Mae securitization activities; domestic and international secondary market activities and issues; primary and special servicing; full asset lifecycle vendor and talent management; and all elements of portfolio due diligence, acquisition, property management and asset disposition.

### **About Valued Veterans**

Based in Overland Park, Kansas, Valued Veterans is a service disabled veteran-owned small business. Valued Veterans provides professional Residential and Commercial Valuation Services. With an intense focus on customized personal service, Valued Veterans uses cutting-edge technology to effectively manage every product order from start to finish. Its experienced management team is made up of appraisers and former mortgage industry professionals with over 120 years of combined residential real estate experience. Valued Veterans ensures each and every service provided is performed with the highest level of quality and compliance. As President and CEO of Valued Veterans, Andrew Belt promotes strong core values with honor and commitment.

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