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John Hausoul Joins SmithBucklin as Executive Vice President of the National Fastener Distributors Association

CHICAGO – September 13, 2006 – SmithBucklin, the world’s largest association management company, announced today that John Hausoul has joined the company as an Association Executive serving as Executive Vice President of the National Fastener Distributors Association (NFDA). In his new role, Hausoul will work out of SmithBucklin’s Chicago office to manage all aspects of NFDA’s operations, lead the SmithBucklin team and assume responsibility for meeting the strategic goals set by NFDA’s leadership.

His primary objective is to grow NFDA in both stature and membership through a combination of initiatives focused on developing new educational materials and products, implementing a comprehensive communications plan, and strengthening the relationship between manufacturers and distributors in the fastener industry.

NFDA has been a leader in the fastener industry for 38 years. With more than 250 distributor and associate members, it offers a variety of member benefits, including biannual meetings, and educational and affinity programs.

“John brings to SmithBucklin some outstanding accomplishments and more than 10 years of management experience with national trade associations,” said SmithBucklin President and COO Julie Silverstein. “We are excited to welcome him aboard in his new role with NFDA.”

Prior to joining SmithBucklin, Hausoul was executive director of the Rigid Plastic Packaging Institute, where he developed and implemented changes in affiliation, organizational bylaw and board structure. He also led the Institute through an industry recession while retaining and growing membership.

Earlier, Hausoul worked for the Society of the Plastics Industry (whose show NPE 2006 was managed by SmithBucklin), the American Chemistry Council and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Hausoul holds a master’s degree in public management from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Science degree from Northland College. He currently serves on the Association Forum of Chicagoland Public Policy Committee.

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