



News Release

York Insurance Services Group, Inc. acquires American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc.

- *Acquisition enhances York's expertise in insurance services for public entities*
- *York expands footprint in Midwest insurance market*

PARSIPPANY, N.J., (June 30, 2008) – York Insurance Services Group, Inc. (York), a premier national provider of claims-handling, specialized loss adjusting and other insurance services, today announced it has acquired Southfield, Mich.-based American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc. (ARPCO) and its affiliates. ARPCO was a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Mercury Financial Corporation. The terms of the acquisition were not disclosed.

ARPCO provides pool administration services, including underwriting, claims, loss control/risk management and reinsurance, for self-insured public entity pools throughout the Midwest. ARPCO President John Brockschmidt will become part of York Risk Management Services (York RMS), a division of York that specializes in public entities, such as cities, townships, special districts and schools, as well as providing services to MGA programs and the commercial middle market. York RMS runs such programs in every region of the U.S.

“With the acquisition of ARPCO, York is continuing its tradition of providing insurance services for public entities,” says Rick Taketa, chief executive officer and president of York RMS. “ARPCO provides highly valuable services for its clients throughout the Midwest and expands York’s footprint in these important geographic markets.”

“I look forward to joining York. The two companies have similar philosophies that will benefit both ARPCO-administered pools and ARPCO employees,” says Brockschmidt. “Both ARPCO and York focus on providing exceptional customer service for the benefit of their clients.”

Tom MacArthur, chairman and chief executive officer, York Insurance Services Group, says, “We welcome ARPCO and look forward to coming together as one company. Over these past few months, it has become clear to me that our new colleagues at ARPCO share the same values and work hard to protect clients’ assets, relationships and reputations.”

Including ARPCO, York is a leading third party administrator for governmental entities in the U.S., providing services to nearly 4,000 public entity clients nationwide.

About York Insurance Services Group

York Insurance Services Group, Inc. is a premier provider of claims-handling, specialized loss adjusting and other insurance services nationwide. York provides risk management solutions to a wide variety of strategic partners, including insurance carriers, self insureds, brokers, wholesalers, MGAs, programs, risk pools and public entities. York delivers customized claims solutions for all lines of business, including property, liability, products liability, ocean and inland marine, environmental, transportation and logistics, construction, and workers' compensation and managed care. York is based in Parsippany, N.J., and has more than 1,000 employees nationwide. Visit us on the Web at www.yorkisg.com.

About American Risk Pooling Consultants

Since 1987, ARPCO has provided third party administration services, including underwriting, claims, loss control and reinsurance services, for public entity risk-sharing pools. ARPCO's philosophy emphasizes long-term relationships with clients by providing customized services.

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