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**Q4 Release Announced for U.S. Corporate Treasury Research**

Chicago, Illinois (October 11) – Slated for release in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, Treasury Strategies has launched its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual U.S. Corporate Treasury Research Program. This research examines how companies manage their Treasury organizations, including staffing and organization, current issues and initiatives, banking practices, and treasury technology usage.

This research program is designed to:

- Assist banks and other providers to better understand the size of the U.S. treasury market, as well as commercial clients' needs, behaviors, and concerns.
- Provide corporate Treasurers a means to benchmark their organization's treasury department against peers and to identify current best practices.

"Now in its fifth year, this research is recognized for its excellence in identifying key trends and issues, as well as establishing meaningful treasury benchmarks," said Mike Gallanis, a Managing Director at Treasury Strategies. "The Treasury landscape has seen several significant changes over the last few years including compliance laws, interest rate fluctuation, the adoption of Treasury technology, and changing needs of corporate treasuries in this global marketplace. Both buyers and providers of commercial banking services must adapt quickly to these changing dynamics," Gallanis continued.

Highlights from the 2005 research include: 1. Treasury maintained lean staffs, in spite of continued expansion of Treasury's scope of responsibilities, 2. Companies are increasingly centralizing international treasury activities at headquarters and therefore demanding more global services from their domestic banks, and 3. Companies expected their use of cash management services to increase without an accompanying increase in providers hinting at even further wallet share consolidation.

The 2006 results are targeted for release in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter - What new challenges do companies face in 2006 and beyond? Anyone interested in learning more about this research initiative should contact Kyle O'Connor.

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