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UM Honored as Best Places to Work in Information Technology

CORAL GABLES, Fla. -- June 19, 2006 – The University of Miami announced today that IDG's Computerworld, the "Voice of IT Management," has selected it as one of the top workplaces for information technology (IT) professionals. UM, ranked #2, is the only academic institution to make the top 5 and has placed among the top five for the past five years. The rankings are published in this week's issue of the IT publication's 13th annual Best Places to Work in IT survey and online at Computerworld.com.

Since 1994, Computerworld's annual "Best Places to Work in IT" feature has ranked the top 100 work environments for technology professionals, based on a comprehensive questionnaire regarding company offerings in categories such as benefits, diversity, career development, training and retention. In addition, this year Computerworld surveyed IT workers for the list, and their responses factored heavily in determining the rankings.

"Everyone has heard the sales phrase 'Location, Location, Location.' At Information Technology it's 'People, People, People' that make the difference. I am especially proud of this year's achievement since the University of Miami Department of Information Technology faced many difficult challenges with three major hurricanes affecting university operations this past hurricane season," says Dr. M. Lewis Temares, Vice President, CIO of Information Technology and Dean of UM's College of Engineering. "Our dedicated team worked during and after the storm to maintain and improve operations so that students, parents, faculty and staff could stay informed and safe. Without a doubt they earned this year's honor."

The UM Information Technology unit works to address the needs of more than 15,000 students and 9,400 faculty and staff on three main campuses by using the latest technology, equipment, services and applications. To achieve this, UM possesses one of the largest and most sophisticated data networks in the region and has one of the largest private telecommunications networks in South Florida. About 95 percent of its outdoor areas and 60 percent of UM's buildings on campus are wireless-enabled, and nearly 4,000 students have set up free wireless accounts through the school. In addition, IT developed EASY, an interactive online information source for personalized University-related information, for faculty, staff and students to access payroll information, course registration, grades, financial aid and billing, parking, dining, and more.

"In recent years, IT executives have been faced with a number of issues that have made their work environments increasingly challenging," said Don Tennant, editor in chief, Computerworld. "Those represented in the 2006 Best Places to Work program have cultivated an environment that recognizes the value of IT workers within the organization."

About Computerworld

Computerworld, the "Voice of IT Management," is the most trusted source for the critical information needs of senior IT management. Computerworld's integrated offerings form the U.S.-based hub of the world's largest (58-edition) global IT media network through its weekly publication, Computerworld.com Web site, focused conference series and custom research. In the past five years alone, Computerworld has won more than 100 print and online awards for editorial and design excellence, surpassing its direct competition by an order of magnitude. Recognition includes the 2004 Magazine of the Year Award from the American Society of Business Publication Editors and a Jesse H. Neal Award for "Best News Coverage." In print since 1967, Computerworld is the source for information technology management, with a guaranteed rate base of 180,050, a total print audience of 1,138,000 (IntelliQuest CIMS 2004

Business Influencer Study) and an online audience of over 1.1 million unique monthly visitors (DoubleClick).

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