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### **UM Among Top Places to Work in Information Technology**

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (June 26, 2007) – The University of Miami is proud to announce 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 second for the fourth consecutive year. The rankings are published in the June 19th issue of the IT publication's 14th 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, Computerworld surveys IT workers for the list, and their responses factored heavily in determining the rankings.

UM ranked first for diversity: 51% of its IT managers are minorities and 35% are women. It also ranked in the top 10 in terms of retention, training, and career development. The IT department provides employees mentoring programs and a leadership institute for middle management as well as an executive exchange program.

"We're looking for the long-run benefit of having them fit into the culture," says Dr. M. Lewis Temares, Vice President, CIO of Information Technology and Dean of UM's College of Engineering.

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 on campus are wireless-enabled, and nearly 8,000 students have set up free wireless accounts through the school. In addition, IT developed myUM, 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.

"Sustaining a great work environment is a challenge of blending expected, familiar, predictable workplace characteristics, like a culture of fairness, loyalty, benefits and professional development opportunities, with creative, fresh ideas, projects, approaches, programs, etc.," says Associate Vice President of Information Technology Tim Ramsay.

#### **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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