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## **COLONIAL LIFE SPONSORS SHRM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SURVEY**

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (May 18, 2009)** – Colonial Life is the exclusive sponsor of the Society for Human Resource Management’s 2009 Employee Benefits Survey.

The annual survey of nearly 1,000 employers in the United States gathers information on the types of benefits employers offer their employees. The survey results will be released June 28 at SHRM’s national conference in New Orleans.

Colonial Life was the first corporate sponsor of SHRM’s Employee Benefits Survey since it began in 1996. This year, the company once again serves as the corporate sponsor.

The survey is completed by a random sampling of human resource professionals from small companies with fewer than 100 employees to large companies with more than 500 employees. Employers are asked about the employee benefits they offer, such as health insurance, paid vacation, retirement plans, life insurance, child care assistance, employee education programs and more than 250 other possible benefit options.

The results show the number of employers offering each benefit, comparisons based on staff size, organization industry and sector, and year-to-year trends.

“For 13 years, this survey has provided reliable data to employers so they can make informed decisions about the benefits they offer employees,” said Randall C. Horn, president and chief executive officer of Colonial Life. “Because benefits communication is central to our company’s mission, we welcome the opportunity to support employers through this survey.”

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## **About Colonial Life**

Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company is a market leader in providing insurance benefits for employees and their families through their workplace, along with individual benefits education, advanced yet simple-to-use enrollment technology and quality personal service.

Colonial Life offers disability, life and supplemental accident and health insurance policies in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Similar policies, if approved, are underwritten in New York by a Colonial Life affiliate, The Paul Revere Life Insurance Company. Colonial Life is based in Columbia, S.C., and is a subsidiary of Unum Group.

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## **About the Society for Human Resource Management**

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) is the world's largest professional association devoted to human resource management. Our mission is to serve the needs of HR professionals by providing the most current and comprehensive resources, and to advance the profession by promoting HR's essential, strategic role. Founded in 1948, SHRM represents more than 225,000 individual members in more than 125 countries, and has a network of more than 575 affiliated chapters in the United States, as well as offices in China and India.

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