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ANNOUNCING THE 2006 FINALIST DEALS:

Allegiance Capital Corp.

Alon USA Energy Inc.'s initial public offering

Advisers: Jones Day/KPMG L.L.P./
Credit Suisse First Boston/Cra-
vath, Swaine & Moore L.L.P.

Brazos Private Equity Partners' acquisition of ORS Nasco Inc.

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& Zukin

Cadbury/Schweppes P.L.C.'s acquisition of majority stake in Dr Pepper/Seven Up Bottling Group from The Carlyle Group

Challenger Capital Group

Enerplus Resources Fund's acquisition of Lyco Energy Corp.

Advisers: Lidji & Dorey P.C./Pet-
rie Parkman & Co.

Financing of the new Yankee Stadium in New York City via a municipal bond transaction.

Adviser: Winstead Sechrest &
Minick P.C.

GameStop Corp.'s acquisition of EB Games Holding Co.

Advisers: Citigroup Global Mar-
kets Inc./Merrill Lynch & Co./Ke-
ane Advisors L.L.C./Bryan Cave
L.L.P.

Greater Texas Foundation's sale of LoanStar Funding Group Inc. to Nelnet Inc.

Advisers: Houlihan Lokey Howard
& Zukin/Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.

Haggar Corp.'s acquisition by an affiliate of Infinity Associates, Perseus L.L.C. and Grand Wealth Group Ltd.

Advisers: Bear Stearns & Co.
Inc./Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.

Jones Day

Lone Star New Markets L.P.

Metreos Corp.'s merger into a subsidiary of Cisco Systems Inc.

Adviser: Andrews Kurth L.L.P.

Purchase of Tote Systems International L.P. by Lone Star New Markets L.P.

Adviser: Winstead Sechrest &
Minick P.C.

Purchase of Neiman Marcus Group by affiliates of Warburg Pincus and Texas Pacific Group.

Advisers: Goldman Sachs & Co./
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett L.L.P.

Reddy Ice Holdings Inc.'s initial public offering

Advisers: Bear Stearns & Co.
Inc./Lehman Brothers/Credit Su-
isse First Boston/Goldman Sachs
& Co./CIBC World Markets

Sale of East Teak Trading Group Inc. to a private investment group

Adviser: Allegiance Capital Corp.

Trinity Hospice Inc. turnaround

Advisers: Steven T. Plochocki/
Dino Eliopoulos/Sandra Peterson

Trinity Industries Inc.'s sale of Trinity Fittings Group to a new company controlled by the TFG management team and Levine Leichtman Capital Partners Inc.

Adviser: Challenger Capital Group

Well, Gotshal & Manges L.L.P.

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All of our finalist deals have strong ties to North Texas and were closed between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006.

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