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Courtesy Associates Assists Clients Addressing International HIV/AIDS and Product Safety Issues

*Global Meetings Industry Leader Provides Full-Service Management for Major Events
In Uganda and El Salvador*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – July 16, 2008 – Courtesy Associates recently provided full management services for the **2008 HIV/AIDS Implementers’ Meeting** in Kampala, Uganda, and the **2008 Central American Product Safety Summit** in San Salvador, El Salvador. Courtesy Associates is celebrating more than 60 years in the global meetings industry.

The 2008 HIV/AIDS Implementers’ Meeting, held June 3 to 7, was attended by more than 1,700 delegates representing 68 countries. With the theme “Scaling Up Through Partnerships: Overcoming Obstacles to Implementation,” the meeting was co-sponsored by the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR); the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria; the United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS; the World Bank; the United Nations Children’s Fund; the World Health Organization; and the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS. Courtesy also managed the 2007 HIV/AIDS Implementers’ Meeting in Kigali, Rwanda.

“Courtesy is honored to have been chosen once again to work with the U.S. State Department and PEPFAR to manage the HIV/AIDS Implementers’ Meeting,” said Courtesy Associates President Sheila Stampfli, who accompanied eight Courtesy staff members to Kampala for the conference. “Due to the oftentimes limited resources available in the region, our ongoing work supporting this conference has allowed us to deliver creative solutions and gain unparalleled experience managing large international meetings in Africa.”

The Implementers’ Meeting included a full schedule of plenary sessions, meetings and presentations of abstracts, with an opening ceremony that featured comments from Ugandan President H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. The objective was to share lessons learned during the implementation of multi-sector HIV/AIDS programs. Through presentations, dialogue and networking, this meeting offered an opportunity for partners from around the world to discuss critical barriers, share information and foster partnerships that will directly impact HIV/AIDS program implementation in the coming years.

Held June 24, the 2008 Central American Product Safety Summit is an important component of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Food Protection Plan, a comprehensive initiative to protect the U.S. food supply. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the one-day event was attended by 119 government officials and business leaders from El Salvador, the

Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama and the United States. HHS Secretary Michael Leavitt delivered opening comments at the event, which was themed “A Partnership for Quality: A Product Safety Forum.” Additional speakers included El Salvador President Antonio Saca and Charles Glazer, the U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador.

“Creating an environment that facilitates interaction between so many key decision makers in such a short period of time is challenging but also extremely rewarding,” Stampfli said. “We are grateful to have had the opportunity to help make the meeting a success.”

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