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Favorable Job Market Expected for Florence

June 10, 2008 – Florence area employers expect to hire at a steady pace during the third quarter of 2008, according to the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey.

From July to September, 33% of the companies interviewed plan to hire more employees, while 13% expect to reduce their payrolls, according to Manpower spokesperson Sharon Saxon. Another 41% expect to maintain their current staff levels and 13% are not certain of their hiring plans.

“Employer sentiment about hiring appears to be more encouraging than in the second quarter of 2008 when 23% of companies interviewed intended to add employees, and 13% planned to reduce staff levels,” said Saxon. “Hiring activity is expected to be significantly lighter than one year ago when 47% of companies surveyed planned to increase staff levels and 3% expected to cut payrolls.”

For the coming quarter, job prospects appear best in Durable Goods Manufacturing, Transportation/Public Utilities, Wholesale/Retail Trade and Services. Employers in Construction plan to reduce staffing levels, while those in Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing and Finance/Insurance/Real Estate voice mixed hiring intentions. Hiring in Education and Public Administration is expected to remain unchanged.

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Nationally, U.S. employers are projecting a slight decline in hiring for Quarter 3 2008, according to the seasonally adjusted survey results. Of the 14,000 U.S. employers surveyed, 26% expect to increase their workforces during the July-September period, while 10% expect to scale back their payrolls for a net employment outlook of 16% (seasonally adjusted 12%). Fifty-eight percent expect no change in the hiring pace, and 6% are undecided about their hiring plans.

The next Manpower Employment Outlook Survey will be released on September 9, 2008 to report the hiring expectations for Quarter 4 2008.

Note to Journalists

The complete results of the national Manpower Employment Outlook Survey can be found in the Press Room of our Web site at <http://www.us.manpower.com/pressroom>. There you will also find the survey results from more than 420 markets across the United States.

The Quarter 3 2008 MEOS national and local results will be password protected until the embargo date of June 10, 2008 at 12:01 a.m. ET. The password that will allow members of the working press to access the information before that time is **Q308MEOS**. If you experience any difficulty accessing the site, contact Bethany Perkins at meos@na.manpower.com or 414-906-6253.

About the Survey

Employment services company Manpower Inc. releases the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey quarterly to measure employers' intentions to increase or decrease the number of employees in their workforce during the next quarter. It is the only forward-looking survey of its kind, unparalleled in size, scope, longevity and area of focus. The survey has been administered for more than 45 years and is one of the most trusted surveys of employment activity in the world. A highly respected economic indicator, the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey reports on findings from 32 countries and territories around the world. The U.S. results are based on interviews with more than 14,000 public and private employers in 460 market areas across the country.

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