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**ICW Group's CIO to Speak about Underwriting Transformation
at 2008 ACORD LOMA Insurance Systems Forum**

***Commercial Insurance Carrier to Deliver Case Study on Deploying
FirstBest Underwriting Management System***

LEXINGTON, MA, and SAN DIEGO, CA, May 5, 2008 – ICW Group, a leading provider of property and casualty insurance based in San Diego, will present a case study on “Underwriting Transformation” at the 2008 ACORD LOMA Insurance Systems Forum, a leading insurance industry conference. ICW Group is transforming its underwriting by deploying an advanced *Underwriting Management System™* (UMS) developed by FirstBest® Systems, Inc.

WHO: Kevin Harris, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, ICW Group

WHAT: “Underwriting Transformation,” a case study of the ICW Group deployment of the FirstBest Systems UMS to transform the company’s multi-line property and casualty underwriting, expand and scale the business, enter new markets, and enable an enterprise underwriting strategy

WHERE: The 2008 ACORD LOMA Insurance Systems Forum, Mandalay Bay Resort, Las Vegas, NV.
Room: Islander AB

WHEN: Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.

About FirstBest Systems

Founded in 2006, FirstBest® Systems, Inc. delivers advanced Underwriting Management Systems™ (UMS) that enable commercial insurance carriers to profit from better underwriting. The FirstBest UMS™ is a next-generation underwriting solution for commercial-lines carriers that enables them to write more and better business. Insurers can scale their underwriting profitably while achieving greater speed and business agility; foster real-time collaboration to make it easy for agents to do business with carriers; promote enhanced underwriting discipline and consistency; and empower management with greater visibility into underwriting processes. For more information, please visit www.firstbest.com or call 1.888.863.6095.

About ICW Group

Privately held ICW Group represents a group of multi-line property and casualty insurance carriers providing workers' compensation, surety, commercial property, DIC and personal and business automobile insurance. Its member companies consist of Insurance Company of the West, Explorer Insurance Company and Independence Casualty and Surety. Based in San Diego, Calif., ICW Group continues to transform itself into an insurance industry leader dedicated to meeting the needs of its agents and the people and companies they insure. More information is available at www.icwgroup.com.

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