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**ICW Group Insurance Names Suzanne Lysak
To Lead Company Expansion In Illinois**

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA — **ICW Group Insurance Companies** has named **Suzanne Lysak** as the Workers' Compensation leader of its Downers Grove branch office in suburban Chicago. Lysak will help develop the super-regional carrier's Workers' Compensation business in the state of **Illinois**.

Lysak has more than 16 years of experience in the workers' compensation insurance industry, with a strong background in customer-oriented technology, agency management and business development. She will focus on establishing a customer footprint for ICW Group in the Midwest regional marketplace by partnering with successful property and casualty agents in the greater Chicago area as well as in other key cities across the state.

"ICW Group is excited to expand our presence in the new Illinois territory," said Paul Zamora, vice president of workers' compensation. "With Suzanne's strength and experience in the insurance industry, we have the opportunity to make great strides in successfully positioning our workers' compensation line in the region. ICW Group has operated as an insurance carrier for more than 35 years, offering competitive rates for its comprehensive line of products, including workers' compensation.

"ICW Group is truly focused on elevating its agents in the eyes of their clients," Lysak said. "We are accomplishing this by providing state-of-the-art tools backed by exceptional levels of customer service. We are currently in the process of appointing select agents who meet our criteria as part of our new market expansion," Lysak added. "I am excited about joining this company, its commitment to this territory, and the confidence it has in me to help expand its workers' comp line in the Land of Lincoln."

About ICW Group Insurance Companies

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

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