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Conner Strong Awarded for Outstanding Service in Bioscience Industry

-- Leading Insurance Brokerage and Consultant Honored by BioNJ and NYBA for Industry Leadership --

MARLTON, NJ, (June 23, 2009) – Conner Strong, one of the nation’s largest insurance brokerage and consulting firms, has received two Service Awards from New Jersey and New York’s bioscience associations for outstanding leadership and overall commitment to the industry. The awards were given by BioNJ and New York Biotechnology Association specifically honoring Conner Strong’s Life Science & Technology Practice led by industry veteran Daniel Brettler.

“There are many giants in the bioscience industry in New Jersey and New York, but pound-for-pound, the team at Conner Strong is one of the region’s leading resources and advocates,” said Debbie Hart, President, BioNJ. “Since the founding of BioNJ 15 years ago, Conner Strong’s professionals have generously provided their time and expertise. In particular, Daniel Brettler and his team understand the nuances and challenges of the life science industry in a way that only comes from years of working within it.”

Conner Strong’s Life Science & Technology Practice serves more than 300 clients, providing insurance brokerage and risk management consulting and the senior team members have an average of 20 years experience working directly with or for biotechnology companies.

“The goal of the bioscience industry is to explore, discover and ultimately, create innovations that improve all of our lives. We’re proud to participate in that invigorating process,” said Daniel Brettler, Senior Vice President, Life Science & Technology Practice, Conner Strong. “We appreciate being recognized by BioNJ and NYBA, and look forward to many more years of partnership.”

“From the lab benches to board rooms to statehouses, Conner Strong drives the bioscience industry in our region forward,” said Nathan Tinker, Executive Director, New York Biotechnology Association. “Whether one of our member companies needs advice on a business plan, assistance finding an executive or help improving their risk management program, Conner Strong works tirelessly to create a positive outcome.”

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About Conner Strong

Conner Strong is one of the country's largest insurance brokerage and consulting firms. Through proprietary approaches, the firm offers customized property and casualty and employee benefit programs designed to align with organizational goals and drive bottom-line growth. Founded in 1959, the privately held firm is headquartered in Marlton, New Jersey. Each year, Conner Strong places more than \$1 billion in premium volume and has a team of nearly 300 insurance professionals, serving clients throughout the United States and abroad.

The firm's specialty practices include: Aviation, Construction, Construction Wrap-ups, Education, Executive Risk, Financial Services, Healthcare, Hospitality & Gaming, Life Science & Technology, Public Entity, Real Estate and Surety. For more information, visit connerstrong.com.

About BioNJ

With more than 230 member companies, BioNJ is singularly focused on the growth and prosperity of New Jersey's rapidly expanding biotechnology cluster. Founded in 1994 by New Jersey biotechnology industry CEOs, BioNJ serves as the voice of biotechnology companies located in New Jersey, seeks to advance their economic growth and development and works to encourage new and established companies from around the world to locate to New Jersey. BioNJ represents companies engaged in biopharmaceutical, biomedical, bioagricultural and bioremedial endeavors. For more information, visit the BioNJ Web site at www.BioNJ.org.

About New York Biotechnology Association

NYBA is the leading advocate for advancing the success of the biotechnology industry in New York State and is its main representative to state policy makers, the media and communities. NYBA's mission is to support the development and growth of New York's biotechnology industry, and serve our members and the biotechnology community by providing a network for information exchange, shared services and collective action. NYBA's membership comprises bioscience companies, world-class research institutions and related professional services. Under the banner of The Cures Start Here®, the Association's goal is to amplify the success New York has had and continues to have in discovering major medical advances and growing a vibrant biotech industry. For more information, visit www.nyba.org.