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**Huron Consulting Group Expands  
Middle East Footprint with Acquisition of Nextmove  
*Company Continues to Bolster International  
Health and Education Services to Clients***

CHICAGO – January 6, 2009 – Huron Consulting Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HURN), a leading provider of financial and operational consulting services, today announced it has acquired Nextmove, a Riyadh, Saudi Arabia-based consulting firm, to expand the Company's Middle East presence to meet the increasing demand for health and education consulting services in the region.

"We are very pleased to have the Nextmove team join Huron," said Gary E. Holdren, chairman and chief executive officer, Huron Consulting Group. "The acquisition expands our Middle East footprint, where our expertise in helping higher education institutions and academic health centers has already helped us gain recognition. Combining the professionals from Huron and Nextmove will allow us to quickly establish a scalable presence for our higher education and healthcare services in the strategically important Gulf region."

Nextmove ([www.nxtmove.com](http://www.nxtmove.com)) was founded in 2003 by Maher Kaddoura, who was a regional managing partner of Accenture prior to forming the firm. Nextmove has approximately 35 professionals with offices in Amman, Jordan and Riyadh and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The company has highly experienced personnel who have worked in a variety of industries focusing primarily on enabling their clients to operate more effectively in a rapidly expanding marketplace. In conjunction with the acquisition, Huron also opened an office in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). Financial terms of the acquisition were not disclosed.

"My colleagues and I are very excited about the opportunity to join forces with Huron," said Maher Kaddoura, managing partner of Nextmove. "Huron has excellent people with expertise and capabilities that are in high demand in this region, and we look forward to working together to provide quality solutions to our Middle East clients."

Huron's Health and Education Consulting practice has been working with U.S.-based universities and hospitals interested in pursuing global strategies and has been advising health and education institutions in the Middle East that are growing to meet the increasing demands of the developing economies. Huron has ongoing or recently completed projects in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia and Oman. The acquisition of Nextmove provides a partner in the Gulf region to continue to expand Huron's services to a rapidly growing client base. Learn more about Huron's Middle East business at [www.huronconsultinggroup.com/MiddleEast](http://www.huronconsultinggroup.com/MiddleEast).

"The Gulf region is experiencing rapid demands for improved health and education. The addition of Nextmove adds experienced personnel within the region to help us expand our health and education consulting services in the Middle East and to broaden the number of industries that we can serve with local talent," said James H. Roth, vice president of Huron's Health and Education Consulting practice.

## **About Huron Consulting Group**

Huron Consulting Group helps clients effectively address complex challenges that arise in litigation, disputes, investigations, regulatory compliance, procurement, financial distress and other sources of significant conflict or change. The Company also helps clients deliver superior customer and capital market performance through integrated strategic, operational and organizational change. Huron provides services to a wide variety of both financially sound and distressed organizations, including Fortune 500 companies, medium-sized businesses, leading academic institutions, healthcare organizations and the law firms that represent these various organizations. Learn more at [www.huronconsultinggroup.com](http://www.huronconsultinggroup.com).

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