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**CROWELL & MORING'S GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS GROUP ADDS TWO PARTNERS
*Former Head of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and International Government
Contracting Partner to Join Team***

Washington, D.C. – May 14, 2007: Angela B. Styles, the former Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) at the White House, and international government contracts lawyer Robert Nichols have joined Crowell & Moring LLP's nationally recognized Government Contracts Group. The two Washington, D.C. partners increase the depth and breadth of the firm's government contracts practice, which is ranked as one of the deepest and most versatile in the nation for representing leading multinational companies as well as emerging businesses in the full range of government contracts counseling and litigation matters.

"Angela and Robert are inventive, highly-respected lawyers who bring a fresh perspective to our team. Angela's White House experience provides clients the candid and unique insight they need in order to make strategic business decisions and navigate through congressional and executive branch challenges. Robert's on-the-ground international work has led clients through some of the most compelling and high-stakes contracting efforts in the marketplace," said George D. Ruttinger, chair of Crowell & Moring's Government Contracts Group.

As the former Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy at OMB from 2001-2003, Styles was responsible for the policies and regulations governing \$240 billion a year in purchases by the federal government and led presidential initiatives on public-private competition, contract bundling, small business procurement, and purchase card reform. Concentrating her practice in the area of federal procurement law and litigation, Styles represents companies ranging from traditional defense contractors to new technology entrants to the federal marketplace. She advises clients on a wide range of issues including traditional counseling, claim disputes, cost accounting, compliance reviews, executive branch lobbying, and congressional and executive branch investigations. Styles received her J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.

Nichols focuses his practice on both domestic and international government contracts matters, with significant experience in traditional counseling, compliance, cost accounting, export controls, foreign military sales, international dispute resolution, and litigation. His international practice concentrates on

advising clients supporting U.S. foreign policy in developing, conflict, and post-conflict countries, such as Iraq, Sudan, and Afghanistan. In this realm, he has represented companies in energy, logistics, and security issues as they handle the unique challenges of operating internationally, such as complying with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, managing export control issues, and negotiating relationships with foreign governments. He also advises on security clearance issues and assists foreign companies in creating a U.S. footprint for government contracting. Nichols began his career by serving on active duty as a Judge Advocate General in the Honors Program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He obtained his J.D. from Arizona State University College of Law and an LL.M. in international and comparative law from the Georgetown University Law Center. Nichols is the chair of the *International Government Contractor* legal analysis letter published by Thomson West.

“Crowell & Moring boasts one of the most highly regarded government contracts practices in the nation. The team has such a wide range of experience that it doesn’t have to reinvent the wheel every time a client has a new concern. The firm has handled everything from the most high-profile litigation to the most fundamental counseling matter, and we’re proud to be coming on board,” said Styles.

Styles and Nichols join from Miller & Chevalier, where they were members.

With a 40-year history and lawyers who are bar and industry leaders, Crowell & Moring LLP’s Government Contracts Group has been recognized as among the best in the nation by Chambers USA survey. The group works on issues ranging from contract formation issues and strategies, through bid protests, to contract interpretation and performance disputes, to post-performance audits, investigations, and allegations of fraud.

Crowell & Moring LLP is a full-service law firm with more than 350 lawyers practicing in litigation, antitrust, government contracts, corporate, intellectual property and more than 40 other practice areas. More than two-thirds of the firm’s attorneys regularly litigate disputes on behalf of domestic and international corporations, start-up businesses, and individuals. Crowell & Moring’s extensive client work ranges from advising on one of the world’s largest telecommunications mergers to representing governments and corporations on international arbitration matters. Based in Washington, D.C., the firm also has offices in California, New York, London, and Brussels. Visit Crowell & Moring online at <http://www.crowell.com>.