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**PARTNER AMERICA™ TEAMS WITH MAYOR OTIS
JOHNSON TO HOST ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS
CONFERENCE**

Savannah, GA – (February 27, 2008) – Following a highly successful, sold-out event last February, Mayor Johnson will again host the city’s annual small business conference. Last year, over 300 of Savannah’s small business community attended this event.

PartnerAmerica™, a public-private partnership between the U.S. Conference of Mayors and American Management Services, Inc., dedicated to small business growth, will team up with Mayor Otis S. Johnson, PH. D. and the Department of Economic Development to host this event on March 18, 2008.

The theme for this year’s conference is “Sustaining Your Business.” The conference will be comprised of a workshop, panel discussion and other presentations including, “Doing Business with the Federal Government with Mildred Quinley, Executive Officer, General Services Administration. The keynote address will be delivered by George A. Cloutier, CEO of American Management Services, Inc. and Co-Chairman of *PartnerAmerica™*.

Mr. Cloutier had this to say about the conference, “this affords the small business owner the opportunity to be exposed to resources and experts covering current and relevant issues. Mayor Johnson and his team certainly recognize the impact and role that small business plays in their community.”

Cloutier is the nation’s leading small business expert and advocate, and a recent recipient of the first ever *U.S. Conference of Mayors Small Business Leadership Award* for his tireless efforts on behalf of small business nationwide. In addition, he continues to be a frequent guest commentator for Fox Business News, CNBC and other national media outlets.

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American Management Services, Inc.

George A. Cloutier is Co-Chairman and CEO of American Management Services and Co-Chairman of Partner America™. Cloutier is the nation's leading small business expert, bringing more than 30 years of small business experience to his roles as Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of American Management Services, Inc. He founded the company in 1986 to offer implementation-based profit-maximization services to privately held, small and mid-sized business owners. Over the last 21 years, Cloutier has forged more than 6,000 client relationships in 400 industries, realizing over \$1 billion in savings for his clients, 40% of which are family-owned businesses. He has grown American Management Services from a one-man operation to a 120 employee company with offices on the East Coast. For more information, please contact American Management Services, Inc. at 800.743.0402 or visit their website at www.amserv.com.

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PartnerAmerica™ is a unique, small business growth program developed by American Management Services, Inc. and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Formed in 2000, the program is the nation's first public-private small business resource initiative, providing management expertise, technical assistance and educational opportunities to small businesses across the country. Currently, Cloutier serves as Co-Chairman of Partner America™, along with Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director of USCM.

U.S. Conference of Mayors

For over 75 years, the United States Conference of Mayors has served as the official non-partisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more, focusing on the development and implementation of national urban policies impacting the sustainable development and growth of cities across the United States. The official website for USCM is www.usmayors.org.

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