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**AUREUS MEDICAL GROUP
AWARDED JOINT COMMISSION CERTIFICATION**

Omaha, NE (June 24, 2005) – Aureus Medical Group announced today that it has achieved the Gold Seal of Approval™ for its health care staffing divisions, Aureus Nursing, LLC and Aureus Radiology, LLC, from The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

Aureus Medical Group, one of the 10 largest healthcare staffing firms in the U.S., met national standards addressing how staffing firms determine the qualifications and competency of their staff, how they place their staff, and then monitor staff's performance.

"Health care organizations that contract with Aureus Medical Group can look to this certification as an assurance that Aureus Medical Group demonstrates a commitment to providing and continuously improving quality services," says Michele Sacco, executive director, Health Care Staffing Services Certification, Joint Commission.

With the healthcare industry currently experiencing a severe shortage of nurses and allied health care professionals, health care organizations have increasingly partnered with staffing firms to secure contract and full-time staff. Staffing firms, such as Aureus Medical Group, assist health care organizations in meeting their patient care objectives by successfully providing them with high quality healthcare professionals in a cost effective and timely manner. The Joint Commission certification program was launched in October 2004 to offer an independent, comprehensive evaluation of a staffing firm's abilities to provide competent staffing services.

"Aureus Medical Group is proud to receive the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval. It recognizes what has always been our focus - making patient care our foremost priority while upholding the highest level of standards in all facets of our business," says Scot Thompson, COO of C&A Industries, Inc., parent company of Aureus Medical Group.

Craig Wolf, VP and General Manager of Aureus Medical Group, adds, "Aureus Medical has been a leader in the healthcare staffing industry for over 20 years and a firm our clients and

employees trust. Certification through JCAHO further validates our commitment to meeting and exceeding a core set of national standards, a measurement hospitals and medical facilities will look to when selecting those with which they do business.”

According to the audit report for Aureus Radiology, LLC, “The most outstanding strength is their mission to provide superior human capital management services. The organization has implemented highly structured processes to hire, provide, and retain high quality allied healthcare professionals. The quality of field staff and internal staff is evident in the completeness of human resource files, ethical, behavioral, and professional standards as outlined in the employee handbooks and upon review by clients.”

Aureus Nursing, LLC also received strong commendation in the report, citing additional strengths such as a team approach in the workplace (internal staff), computer systems to support the workforce, processes which effectively and efficiently manage workflow from initial contact with field staff to ongoing assignments, and strong leadership.

Founded in 1951, the Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits nearly 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,000 other health care organizations that provide long term care, assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. In addition, the Joint Commission provides certification of disease-specific care programs and primary stroke centers. An independent, not-for-profit organization, the Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

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About Aureus Medical Group:

Aureus Medical Group is a full-service staffing firm providing direct hire (full-time), national contract, and local contract placement of allied health and nursing professionals in hospitals and medical facilities nationwide. Aureus Medical Group is the largest division of C&A Industries, Inc., which has provided staffing solutions in a variety of industries for over 35 years. C&A Industries has been recognized by *Inc.* magazine on their list of the top 500 fastest growing, privately held companies for four consecutive years.