

## **BRAZOS PRIVATE EQUITY PARTNERS WELCOMES PATRICK O'HARA AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF INVESTOR RELATIONS**

**Dallas, Texas, February 28, 2011** – Brazos Private Equity Partners, LLC, a leading Dallas-based private investment firm, today announced the addition of Patrick O'Hara as Managing Director of Investor Relations. Mr. O'Hara will lead communication with current and future investors and will be heavily involved in fundraising activities for the firm.

Mr. O'Hara is joining Brazos from the Texas Employees Retirement System, a \$22.5 billion public pension fund, where he has served as Director of Private Equity for the past three years. Mr. O'Hara has been responsible for leading the fund's private equity program, covering investment strategies ranging from buyout, growth equity, turnaround/restructuring, distressed debt, mezzanine, venture capital and secondary funds.

Brazos Co-Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founding Partner Randall Fojtasek said, "All of us at Brazos are pleased to welcome Patrick O'Hara to our team. The addition of Pat to our Investor Relations effort will significantly enhance our ability to communicate with our investor base. Patrick brings a wealth of knowledge and insight as to the issues most important to institutional investors. As our firm grows and our audience widens, we look forward to not only maintaining our excellent level of communication, but also enhancing it as well."

In addition to a broad range of investment and operating experience, Mr. O'Hara was previously Managing Director of Private Equity Investments at Esposito Private Equity Group, prior to that he was with Patriarch Partners and GE Capital. He received a MBA from the Columbia Business School and a BS in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University.

### **About Brazos Private Equity Partners, LLC**

Brazos Private Equity Partners is a Dallas-based private equity firm that manages approximately \$1.4 billion of equity capital. Brazos focuses on investments in middle-market companies with enterprise values up to \$500 million. Brazos seeks to partner with outstanding management teams and/or families of closely-held businesses to maximize value. Brazos has been one of the most active middle-market private equity investment firms over the past decade, having completed over 50 acquisitions. Brazos has invested in a broad range of industries including consumer products, healthcare, business services, financial services, manufacturing / industrial and distribution.

For additional information about Brazos, please visit the firm's website at [www.brazospartners.com](http://www.brazospartners.com).

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