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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Sherri L. Manson Rejoins NexGen Strategic Advisors and its Affiliate, NexGen Strategic Investors**

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS—January 1, 2008—NexGen Strategic Advisors (**NSA**) announced today that Sherri L. Manson rejoined NSA and its affiliate, NexGen Strategic Investors (**NSI**) as a Director and Chief Administrative Officer after an extensive career in human resources management and general administration. With a desire to work for a long-time mentor and her brother, Lawrence C. Manson, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of NSA and NSI, Sherri is excited about rejoining NSA and NSI as a principal.

“Consistent with the vision of NexGen, I hope to continue to attract trusted and talented executives to join our team to serve our community banks and their corporate clients, especially individuals like Sherri that I have had a longstanding relationship,” said Larry.

Sherri has more than 29 years of business experience including human resources administration, corporate records management, daily cash management and commercial insurance program implementation. Her career includes several senior administrative roles with various middle-market privately-held companies such as Foundation Equity Investors, LLC, PENMAN Partners and Alheimer & Gray as well as with PNC National Bank, N.A., a large regional commercial bank.

**About NexGen Strategic Advisors**

NSA assists both private and public companies in meeting their strategic and financial objectives by offering a selective range of services. Specifically, NSA targets community banks and their middle-market corporate clients. Success in providing advice and transaction execution requires vision, commitment, integrity, teamwork and experience. The NSA team combines these elements to create value for their clients.

NSA advises clients from the early stages of tactical, strategic and financial planning to the final implementation of these strategies and commits to a consistently high level of service to accelerate the achievement of these strategies.

**About NexGen Strategic Investors**

NSI has developed several proprietary investment products for a range of institutional investors, including community banks. Specifically, NSI is in the process of launching a fund for community banks which should provide

financial institutions with geographic and risk diversification, high relative returns for comparable risk and affordable housing and job creation initiatives with a primary objective of community development.

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