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FIRSTNET TAKES UNIVERSITY TO HIGHER LEVEL

Denver, CO – June 16, 2008: **FirstNet Learning**, a leader in online learning solutions, announces the launch of the newly-updated **North Carolina League of Municipalities Risk Management Services Online Training Center**.

FirstNet Learning (FNL) and the North Carolina League of Municipalities – Risk Management Services (NCLM-RMS) joined forces in 2005 to launch online training for the NCLM’s 600+ member organizations and their 10,000+ employees. As the product and service offerings of FNL have evolved in the last few years, it was important to both FNL and the NCLM to bring the NCLM’s online training center to the highest level available.

The NCLM-RMS has long been committed to providing its members with the highest quality education experience. Their updated Online Training Center features online learning suites, called “WorkPlace Colleges™” carefully selected and tailored to address the needs of its members. There are five WorkPlace Colleges™ categorized by occupational areas (e.g., Police/Fire/EMS, Public Works, Parks & Rec, Utilities/Water/Sanitation, and Admin & Office). The new site also offers increased functionality with a Visitor Center, Student Center, and Resource Library, along with the potential to expand further in the future.

“We offer **free** online training as an enhancement to the live **semi-annual supervisory** training currently available to members of the NCLM’s Workers Compensation and Property & **Liability** Pools. It is our mission to administer high quality insurance trusts, provide professional service and to always be accountable to the membership through the leadership, knowledge and dedication of a highly trained staff. We offer a variety of products and services, and training is a key element of our offerings to our members”, says Jim Davenport, Loss Control & Health Services Manager.

The highly-interactive online training courses offered are predominantly Health & Safety oriented, with courses such as Defensive Driving, Working Outdoors in Warm Weather, Construction Excavation & Trenching, and Emergency & Disaster Preparedness, as examples. The training is adapted to the State of North Carolina OSHA standards. League members also have access to the more than 2,500 other online courses offered by FNL in the areas of Human Resources, Leadership & Supervision, Business Skills, PC/Desktop Skills and Personal Growth.

Roy Burger, Chairman and CEO of FirstNet Learning, says “We are proud to continue to be the NCLM-RMS’s online training partner. We’ve had a great partnership since the beginning and it was amazing how well we worked together to bring their online training center to a new, higher level of online universities, complete with highly relevant WorkPlace Colleges™ and targeted training.”

The NCLM chose online training from FirstNet Learning for many reasons, among them its flexibility. Courses range from 15 minutes to 2 hours and it is possible to begin work on a course, exit at any point with a bookmark, then return when it’s convenient and pick up at the same place. The topics are user friendly and easy to navigate. In addition, employees may print off their own certificates of completion for each program they’ve successfully completed. Training coordinators can also easily track courses completed by their staff. The new NCLM-RMS Online Training Center created and powered by FirstNet Learning is truly a comprehensive turn-key online university that goes far beyond a simple learning management system.

FirstNet Learning is a leading provider of turnkey, online customer-branded universities, campuses and training centers to over 7,000 businesses, universities and municipalities. FirstNet Learning offers custom blended learning solutions and an extensive e-learning catalog of more than 2,500 courses focused on human capital management, risk management, health & safety, productivity, business skills, pc desktop skills and more. FirstNet Learning, founded in 1999, delivers **knowledge@work®** and serves clients worldwide from its Denver headquarters. www.firstnetlearning.com

Founded in 1908, the **North Carolina League of Municipalities** is a nonpartisan association of more than 600 cities, towns and villages whose mission is to enhance the quality of life in municipalities through excellent municipal governance. The NCLM carries out this mission with a number of member services, including maintaining a Risk Management Service for the benefit of their members who participate in the Workers Compensation and Property & Liability pools. NCLM-RMS is committed to providing its members with the highest quality education experience and does so via a wide variety of training programs, including classroom workshops, conferences and teleconferences, webinars, an extensive video library, and online learning. www.nclm.org

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