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## PRESS RELEASE

**Dawson Companies Moves into the 76<sup>th</sup> Spot Among Top 100 Insurance Agencies in U.S.**

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Dawson Companies has moved into the 76<sup>th</sup> spot among the 100 largest agencies and brokerages in the U.S. according to the most recent rankings from Business Insurance magazine. Moving up from the 84<sup>th</sup> spot last year, Dawson increased revenues by 2.33% -- \$31.4 million to \$32.1 million – from 2008 to 2009.

“We are pleased to be recognized by Business Insurance magazine for the eighth time in the last nine years,” said D. Michael Sherman, CEO of Dawson Companies. “This is a reflection of Dawson Companies’ solid commitment to providing comprehensive insurance and employee benefit solutions to our expanding client relationship base. As we continue to face challenging markets, we concentrate our efforts on serving our clients and building upon a mix of strategic acquisitions and increased business relationships.”

### **ABOUT BUSINESS INSURANCE MAGAZINE**

*Business Insurance* reaches a large audience of corporate decision-makers through weekly print and digital editions as well as through daily news and information online at [www.BusinessInsurance.com](http://www.BusinessInsurance.com). Publishing since 1967, *Business Insurance* covers risk management, commercial insurance and employee benefits news and trends. BI's readers include corporate executives administering insurance/self-insurance programs, encompassing both property and liability insurance and employee benefit programs, including life, health and pensions, as well as insurance industry leaders.

### **ABOUT DAWSON COMPANIES**

Since its 1931 founding, Dawson Companies has grown into one of America’s leading insurance and financial services brokerage firms. Dawson specializes in Property & Casualty Insurance, Surety Bonding, and Employee Benefits and is continually ranked as one of the top 100 brokers in the U.S. (as ranked by Business Insurance magazine, based on 2008 revenue).

Dawson Companies is a full-service, independent agency system that provides products and services from offices in Ohio, Florida, and Virginia, employing more than 200 insurance and benefit professionals. Clients range from Fortune 500 corporations, to privately-held businesses, non-profit agencies, healthcare institutions, professionals, individuals and their families.

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