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John Dykstra appointed Regional Manager of IFIC's Baltimore Regional Office

In June IFIC appointed John Dykstra as Regional Manager of its Baltimore Regional Office. Mr. Dykstra holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications and Business from the University of Texas. As Regional Manager of IFIC's Baltimore Regional Office he will be responsible for serving the Maryland, D.C. and Virginia territory for contract and commercial surety.

Mr. Dykstra brings over 30 years of surety experience, most of which has been serving the Baltimore, District of Columbia and Virginia marketplace(s). Bob Minster, IFIC Chief Operating Officer, says: "We are pleased John decided to join IFIC. He brings IFIC a deep level of experience in the Mid-Atlantic territory in contract and commercial surety. He will lead our goal to build a surety franchise based on building long-term, profitable relationships with surety agents in the Mid-Atlantic territory. With almost 10 years of experience as an agent in the late 80's, early 90's, John appreciates the importance of consistently providing great service to agents, regardless of the prevailing market and economic conditions. Please join me in welcoming John to IFIC."

About International Fidelity Insurance Company

IFIC is the largest independent writer of surety in the United States. With over \$118 million in profitable writings, the company is dedicated to the independent agency system specializing in surety through its network of 25 regional profit centers.

The company's mission is: "...to be a leading, dynamic middle market surety that consistently delivers the required return on investment to its shareholders by providing long-term rewarding relationships with its employees, agents and reinsurers..."