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LWCC Awarded Ward's 50 Designation
La. Company in Top 3 Percent of Industry Nationwide

BATON ROUGE, La. (Aug. 23, 2005) –Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC) has been named to the prestigious 2005 Ward's 50 Benchmark Group from the Ward Group, a distinction that recognizes the top 50 property and casualty insurers in America. LWCC was selected among more than 1,300 property-casualty insurance companies nationwide and has received the award for four consecutive years.

"We look for companies with an excellent return on equity, strong underwriting results and a commitment to operating efficiency," explained Jeffrey Rieder, Ward Group partner. "LWCC exceeds in all those areas and has demonstrated the ability to meet all safety and consistency tests during an extended period of time."

The objectives of Ward's analysis is to recognize the 50 companies that have excelled at balancing safety, consistency and performance over the past five years and then to benchmark their performance with the industry overall.

"The fact that LWCC is in the top 3 percent of our industry nationwide and is the only Louisiana company to achieve this distinction speaks volumes of how we're serving our policyholders," said Kristin Wall, LWCC president and chief operating officer. "We're not only making sure their workers are taken care of, but that their dollars are being spent wisely."

Ward Group, a Cincinnati-based management consulting firm specializing in the insurance industry, released its winners and an in-depth analysis in a feature story in the Aug. 22 issue of *National Underwriter* magazine. A complete list of the Ward's 50 benchmark group is located on the firm's Web site at www.wardinc.com.

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About LWCC

LWCC (www.lwcc.com) is a private, nonprofit mutual insurance company. It is the state's largest writer of workers' compensation insurance, covering about 24,000 policyholders and 38.5 percent of the insured market in Louisiana. The company carries an "A" (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best and for the fourth year in a row, was named one of the top 50 property and casualty insurance companies in the nation by Ward Group, the leading authority on insurance industry benchmarking.

About Ward Group

Ward Group (www.wardinc.com) is a management consulting firm specializing in the insurance industry. The Cincinnati-based firm is committed to providing accurate results, consistent reporting and trusted analysis of company performance including benchmarking, operational consulting and information services. Since 1991, they have empowered companies with the knowledge to capitalize on strengths and overcome obstacles through their unique information resources and analysis.

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