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Markel Programs Expands Support for Program Business

Richmond, VA, January 18, 2011 – Markel Programs announced today that Victoria Webb, CPCU, MSIM, ARe, ARM, joined the company as Underwriting Manager. Located in Seattle, Washington, Webb will develop new partnerships with general agents on the West Coast.

“Markel Programs is expanding its presence and support in the western part of the country. As a 22-year veteran of the insurance industry, Vicki’s 14 years of program experience lends itself well to develop the close and mutually beneficial relationships with general agents that we look to create,” stated Richard Wiseley, Managing Director of Markel Programs.

Webb has a multiline commercial background. Most recently, she oversaw approximately \$50m in general agent programs. She has held several leadership roles for North American insurers who specialize in program business.

ABOUT MARKEL PROGRAMS

Markel Programs develops partnerships with managing general agents to offer single-source, admitted and non-admitted programs for a specific class or line of business. Markel Corporation markets and underwrites specialty insurance products and programs to a variety of niche markets. In each of these markets, the Company seeks to provide quality products and excellent customer service so that it can be a market leader. The financial goals of the Company are to earn consistent underwriting profits and superior investment returns to build shareholder value. To learn more about Markel Programs, visit markelprograms.com.

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