



Service Corporation International Emphasizes Technology With New Executive Appointment

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HOUSTON, Jan. 25 /PRNewswire/ -- Service Corporation International (NYSE: SRV), the world's largest funeral and cemetery company, demonstrated a strong commitment to technology this month with the election of Stephen J. Uthoff to the position of Vice President and Chief Information Officer. A Certified Public Accountant, Mr. Uthoff was most recently a vice president at Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc. (BFI), the world's second largest waste services company, where he was responsible for information systems and select change and improvement initiatives relating to information technology, organizational design, performance measurement, and business process design.

In his new position, Mr. Uthoff is charged with exploring and adopting different processes and information systems that will bring greater efficiency to Company operations. In addition to managing the Company's information systems, he will also be responsible for SCI's trust administration activities.

In announcing the addition of Mr. Uthoff to SCI's senior management, Chief Financial Officer, Jeffrey Curtiss, stated:

"Steve Uthoff brings the right talent and experience to SCI at an important time. Our Company has matured as a corporation. After years of expanding rapidly by acquiring smaller businesses, we have an international network in place that is now being managed for internal growth. That process will include operational and marketing-oriented programs to build shareholder value. To take us to the next level, we need to expand and improve our information systems and reporting capabilities. With his information systems expertise and experience in financial management, Steve will be a key player in our progress and a great addition to our Company's leadership team."

As of September 30, 1999, SCI affiliates operated 3,823 funeral service locations, 524 cemeteries and 198 crematoria. SCI provides funeral and cemetery services in 20 countries on five continents.

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