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**MARINER WEALTH ADVISORS FACILITATES THE PURCHASE OF
ADAMS-GABBERT & ASSOCIATES BY THE BICKNELL FAMILY HOLDING COMPANY, LLC**

(Overland Park, Kan.) – With the guidance of Mariner Wealth Advisors, LLC, The Bicknell Family Holding Company has announced completion of an agreement to purchase local management consulting firm Adams-Gabbert & Associates, Inc.

“This union will merge two dynamic organizations with very similar philosophies, and we believe the synergy created will have a major positive impact on the growth trajectory of both companies,” said Martin Bicknell, spokesman for the holding company and chief executive officer of Mariner. The deal, which was finalized on Tuesday the 8th of January, will enhance the firm’s relationship with existing clients and enable it to focus on service line growth. Jo Anne Gabbert, founder and CEO of Adams-Gabbert, agrees with Bicknell’s assessment and adds that she “strongly believes this transaction will cement the company’s core service capabilities and increase its geographic scope.” Gabbert will remain in her position as president and chief executive officer of Adams-Gabbert.

Adams-Gabbert provides extensive management consulting services, project management, and process analysis to a wide range of corporate clients for the purpose of improving business operations. In addition to their experience and activity in the Kansas City area, they expanded their operations in May of 2007 by opening a branch in the Washington, D.C. corridor. The company has been bestowed with a number of honors and awards including *Ingram’s Magazine’s* “Top 100 Fastest Growing Businesses” in 2006, as well as being named one of the top diversity-owned businesses in Missouri by *DiversityBusiness.com*.

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