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LINC® MAKES MASTER MECHANICAL NEWEST MEMBER OF SERVICE NETWORK

Long Island-based Contractor Looks for Growth Using Linc System®

PITTSBURGH – January 23, 2008 – Linc Network, LLC has added a new franchise location in New York – it's fifth in the state overall, and first in nearly four years.

Farmingdale-based Master Mechanical Corp. – a mechanical contractor specializing in HVAC/R services for customers in Long Island and the five boroughs – signed a franchise agreement at the end of December '07. After a start-up meeting earlier this month, the company began selling Linc Service® to its commercial clients. Master Mechanical, which marks Linc's 13th new franchise location in 2007 and first in New York since Mazza Mechanical Services joined the Network in December 2004, now is part of the Linc Service® Network – a growing, 130⁺-member organization spanning the United States, Canada, and Bermuda.

As the newest Linc Service® Contractor, Master Mechanical will use the Linc System to deliver preventive maintenance – as well as heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) service and energy solutions – to the commercial market in Long Island and the five boroughs.

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In an effort to grow the commercial side of their organization, Master Mechanical Principals Joe and Jamie Bonifazio met with Linc representatives in the fall to see how the franchisor's proven system for operating an HVAC service business could strengthen what they offer their customers. The Bonifazios found that many aspects of the Linc System would be able to provide them with the necessary tools to expand their operations.

"We were drawn to the structure and organization of the Linc System, and how it spells out specific ways for making your business successful," Bonifazio said. "After learning more about what Linc can bring to our organization, we believe it's a great fit for our needs."

Master Mechanical has been serving customers in Long Island – as well as Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, Staten Island, and The Bronx – for nearly 15 years. Specializing in comfortable, cost-effective solutions, Master Mechanical offers a full range of HVAC services, performed by factory-trained personnel, for commercial, residential, and industrial clients. The company is also affiliated with several professional organizations, namely the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA), and the National Association of Power Engineers (NAPE).

"With Linc's proven solutions and powerful tools now part of its capabilities package, Master Mechanical is poised for greater growth and success as a member of the Linc Service Network," said Linc President & CEO Scott Giacobbe. "As a Linc Service Contractor, Joe and Jamie will be able to distinguish themselves from the competition by utilizing the power of our Network to provide world-class service for their customers."

Linc Network, LLC, headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Atlanta, Ga., is the franchisor of the Linc System, a business format for operating a commercial heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) service business. Founded in 1979, the Linc Service Network provides energy solutions to commercial building owners worldwide. For more information, visit Linc's Web site at www.lincservice.com. Linc Network, LLC, is part of The Linc Group (TLG), one of the nation's most innovative providers of facility performance services to building owners and operators. TLG maintains its corporate office in Irvine, Calif.

Collectively, TLG companies service more than 15,000 facilities in 42 states and select international markets through a professional workforce totaling more than 2,400 employees. For more information about TLG and its companies, visit www.thelincgroup.com.

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