

PRESS RELEASE

Mee Derby Opens in California

CABIN JOHN, Maryland – July 14, 2004 – Mee Derby & Company has expanded its presence in the western United States with the addition of a leading Executive Recruiter in the Staffing Industry. Lori Siets brings 16 years of staffing industry experience at Practium, Corestaff, and Talent Tree to serve Mee Derby clients and candidates primarily on the West Coast.

Mee Derby launched its Western Region in 1999 when Irene Nichols joined the firm to direct the region after serving for 20 years as a senior official with the US Department of Labor. "The addition of Lori is a major boast to the Mee Derby team west of the Mississippi. Our Denver office is excited to have her on board," says Irene. Lori Siets manages Mee Derby searches on the West Coast, bringing deep industry knowledge and relationships to Mee Derby's western region.

Prior to joining Mee Derby, Lori ran the executive search side of Practium, a southern California training and placement firm. For the past five years, she specialized in placing staffing industry professionals. At Corestaff, she helped develop training programs, both regionally and nationally, and managed a large staffing division with 16 employees supporting 26 branches and servicing clients throughout the West Coast. Lori began her career in the Staffing Industry in 1989 at Talent Tree where she advanced from entry level to client services manager.

According to Robin Mee, President of Mee Derby, "When Lori was running the executive search side of Practium, our two companies often partnered to better serve our respective clients on a regional level. Now with Lori representing Mee Derby on the West Coast, we are truly a national company." Founded in 1988, Mee Derby specializes in executive search for Staffing, Professional Services, and Human Capital Outsourcing companies.

With Lori on staff, Mee Derby has eight Executive Recruiters – in seven states from California to New York – making it one of the largest search firms placing professionals in the staffing industry in the US. In addition, Lori will place professionals for Mee Derby's Professional Services and Human Capital Outsourcing clients. Mee Derby offers contingency, partially retained, and retained search for permanent openings, and fills consulting positions for select clients. Visit MeeDerby.com for more information.

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