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### **Radford Surveys + Consulting Webcast Draws More Than 1,000 Registrants to Mid-Year Compensation Trends Webcast**

*Highly Successful Series of Radford Webcasts Feature Hot Topics Including Executive Compensation, Global Pay and Equity Trends*

**San Jose, Calif. – October 3, 2006** – Radford Surveys + Consulting, a San-Jose based business unit of Aon Consulting that provides market-leading compensation and benefits surveys and consulting to the technology and life sciences industries, recently held its third quarter webcast entitled, “Mid-Year Compensation Update,” drawing more than 1,000 registrants.

The September webcast explored the latest trends in cash compensation, with data from the most updated Radford Benchmark and Executive Surveys; the post-FAS 123(R) equity world, with a special focus on the specific equity plan changes that have been implemented over the last 12 months; and a global compensation update including a discussion on the emerging Chinese and Indian markets. The webcast featured Senior Vice Presidents John Radford and Linda E. Amuso, and Assistant Vice President Olivier Maudiere.

“Radford Webcasts are a great way for our busy clients to stay abreast of compensation and corporate governance topics in a time-efficient manner,” said John Radford, senior vice president, Radford Surveys + Consulting. “These online sessions are an ongoing, free resource from our experts on trends and topics that affect their company’s bottom line.”

Previous 2006 webcasts have included trends in Board of Directors compensation, FAS 123(R) stock option expensing strategies, and preparing for the proxy season. The 50-minute sessions are typically led by senior members of the Radford consulting and surveys team, and offer printable presentations and downloadable audio. So far this year, Radford Webcasts have garnered interest from more than 2,100 registrants.

For information about future Radford Webcasts, interested parties can visit [www.radford.com/home/press\\_room](http://www.radford.com/home/press_room), or e-mail [webcast@radford.com](mailto:webcast@radford.com).

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## **About Radford Surveys + Consulting**

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