



## **Competition, Public Policy, and Agribusiness Experts Join CRA International in Canberra, Australia; New Affiliations Strengthen CRA's Asia Pacific Regulatory and Public Policy Consulting Capabilities**

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BOSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 18, 2005--CRA International, Inc. (NASDAQ: CRAI), a worldwide leader in providing economic, financial, and management consulting services, announced today that Peter Crowley, Greg Cutbush, and Greg Martin have joined CRA as Vice Presidents in the firm's Canberra office. The trio will focus on competition, public policy, and agribusiness issues.

"We are delighted to welcome some of Australia's leading economic consultants to CRA," said James C. Burrows, CRA International's President and CEO. "These additions broaden the capabilities of CRA International in the Asia Pacific region. In particular, the hiring of these three recognized experts enhances CRA's public policy credentials, especially in the areas of competition policy, microeconomic analysis, natural resource issues, and agribusiness. These appointments will enable us to provide the highest-quality advice to both private-sector clients and governments."

Peter Crowley is an economist who has worked in a diverse range of fields, including international trade and finance, macroeconomic policy, competition policy, industry policy, taxation, and environmental policy. Over the past decade, he has worked extensively in the natural resources sector, both in Australia and internationally. He has considerable expertise in policy and project evaluation, and economic impact assessments in the public and private sectors. Prior to his tenure as a senior economist at the consulting firm ACIL Tasman, he was chief economist at the Australian Mining Industry Council. Concurrently, he was the international coordinator of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council's Minerals and Energy Forum.

Greg Cutbush brings to CRA nearly 20 years of consulting experience in economic analysis, covering competition policy, international trade, infrastructure, commercial feasibility studies, and cost-benefit studies. His vast experience encompasses significant projects in agricultural, defense, and environmental economics, along with advising on trade policy and private sector development throughout Asia Pacific and Africa. Greg joins CRA from ACIL Tasman, where he had been a senior economist since 1988. His past positions include assistant commissioner at the Industries Assistance Commission in Canberra, and economist at the Agricultural Policies division of the OECD in Paris. Recently, his primary focus has been on defense procurement, health care, food industry contracts, and market-based conservation incentives-policy reform being a central issue in each case.

Also from ACIL Tasman, Greg Martin joins CRA as an industry analyst possessing an impressive background in microeconomics. He specializes in industry and policy analysis for manufacturing, the rural sector, and service industry clients. Greg's consulting work has included projects on microeconomic reform, industry assistance, statutory marketing, research and development policy and evaluation, rural and forestry policy, commodity outlooks and investment analysis, indirect taxation, defense, and energy. He has extensive experience in cost-benefit analysis and financial modeling, including project evaluation and business-level analysis. Prior to joining ACIL Tasman in 1986, Greg held senior policy and research positions with government agencies, including the Industries Assistance Commission, the Department of Primary Industry, and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

### About CRA International

Founded in 1965, CRA International is an economics, finance, and business consulting firm that works with businesses, law firms, accounting firms, and governments in providing a wide range of services. CRA combines economic and financial analysis with expertise in litigation and regulatory support, business strategy and planning, market and demand forecasting, policy analysis, and engineering and technology management. The firm is distinguished by a corporate philosophy of providing responsive, top-quality consulting; an interdisciplinary team approach; unsurpassed economic, financial, and other analytic skills; and pragmatic business insights. In addition to its corporate headquarters in Boston and international offices in Brussels, Canberra, Dubai, Hong Kong, London, Melbourne, Mexico City, Sydney, Toronto, and Wellington, CRA also has U.S. offices in Cambridge, Chicago, College Station, Dallas, Houston, New York, Oakland, Pasadena, Philadelphia, Salt Lake City, Silicon Valley, and Washington, D.C. Detailed information about CRA can be found at [www.crai.com](http://www.crai.com).

Statements in this press release concerning the benefits CRA expects to obtain from the hiring of Peter Crowley, Greg Cutbush and Greg Martin as vice presidents in the firm's Canberra office may be considered "forward-looking" statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties. Information contained in these forward-looking statements is inherently uncertain, and actual performance and results may differ materially. Such factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from any forward-looking statements made by the Company include, among others, acquisition costs, dependence on key personnel, attracting and retaining qualified consultants, dependence on outside experts, intense competition, and professional liability. Further information on factors that could affect CRA's financial results is included in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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