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U.S. Treasury Program Expands Reach

Orion Capital Management to Introduce Program to New Markets

Washington, DC--Aug 20, 2002--Due to strong demand for its U.S. Treasury Bond Management Program, The Lara Group has entered into an agreement with Orion Capital Management, LLC to offer the Program to investment advisors and institutional plans. This new partnership will expand the reach of the investment Program to a previously untapped market segment.

Since 1994, the Program has produced a 12.06 % average annual return, net of fees as of 6/30/02. This high performance is unique because only U.S. Treasury securities are used. U.S. Treasuries are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, and are considered one of the world's safest investments.

Orion Capital Management's Managing Partner, James J. Hoban, asserted, "Orion is extremely pleased to represent The Lara Group's Treasury Program. In these unsure and unsettling financial times, investors are seeking a long-term safe haven." Mr. Hoban further states, "The portfolio manager's disciplined approach has produced outstanding returns for investors."

The strong performance history and unique strategy of the Program has attracted the attention of investors and advisors throughout the United States. Orion will market and secure selling agreements on behalf of The Lara Group for separate account asset management.

"Orion's team specializes in investment placement and reaching out to the institutional and broker community," said Ron Lara, CFP, portfolio manager for The Lara Group. "They are a perfect complement to our long-term commitment and service to investors."

About The Lara Group

The Lara Group is an independent investment management firm specializing in U.S. Treasury Securities. The Firm offers professional investment management services for institutional and private investors. For more information visit www.Lara-Group.com.

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Orion Capital Management provides corporate pension funds, financial institutions, endowments, and family businesses with investment offerings. Orion specializes in real estate, mezzanine/bridge financing, fixed income, hedge funds and fund-of-funds. For more information visit www.OrionInvesting.com.

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