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## **Six Disciplines Leadership Center of Northwest Ohio Announces New Ownership**

*Eric Kurjan Assumes Key Leadership Role as President and Owner*

**FINDLAY, OHIO, June 15, 2006** — Six Disciplines Corporation today announced that it has named Eric Kurjan to assume the leadership role of president and owner of the flagship franchise of **Six Disciplines Leadership Center of Northwest Ohio**, located in Findlay. Investors in the venture include Karen Crawford, Jack Ridge and Gary Harpst.

“With the untimely passing of John Crawford, the Six Disciplines Leadership Center of Northwest Ohio was in need of a leader to continue the journey,” said Kurjan. “We intend to honor John’s legacy by building on his solid foundation of service and commitment to our current clients, and look forward to bringing the value of Six Disciplines to many new organizations in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan,” added Kurjan.

Kurjan and his team will be responsible for ensuring the long-term success of Six Disciplines clients in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. Eric’s team will coach and offer strategic advisory services to top-performing organizations that adopt the Six Disciplines™ Methodology, in pursuit of continual business process improvement.

Six Disciplines Leadership Centers offer a new class of professional business improvement service that helps the best performing organizations to achieve lasting business excellence. By using a systematic business-building methodology, practical Internet technologies, and an organizational coaching and strategic advisory service, passionate business leaders learn how to become more aligned with their strategy, focus on execution, and improve their organization’s performance to achieve lasting, sustainable excellence

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“Eric’s experience has prepared him to be effective and innovative in leading the Six Disciplines Leadership Center of Northwest Ohio,” said Joe Longo, Chief Operating Officer of Six Disciplines Corporation. “His background and passion positions him as a strong contributor to our growing network of franchised Leadership Centers, and will enable him to provide lasting value to the best performing businesses in the Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan areas,” said Longo.

Prior to becoming involved with Six Disciplines, Kurjan was the president of Plumblin Solutions, Inc, a 75-person “start-up” software consulting company. Plumblin was formed as a spin-off from Microsoft’s Findlay, Ohio location in August 2004. Plumblin provides software development, support, testing and consulting services to Microsoft and to its Partner organizations. In this role, Eric had overall responsibility for working with the Senior Leaders and Team Members to ensure the mission, values and goals of Plumblin were met. To accomplish this, under Eric’s leadership, Plumblin became one of the first clients of Six Disciplines. Kurjan will continue to be involved with Plumblin, by joining their Board of Directors.

Prior to Plumblin Solutions, Eric was General Manager of the North American Professional Services organization for Microsoft Corporation. As general manager he led a team of more than 500 professionals providing services to partners and customers in the areas of consulting, technical support, and product education and training. Kurjan was also instrumental in the integration and change management activities during the acquisition of Solomon Software by Great Plains and the subsequent acquisition by Microsoft. Kurjan was also the general manager of Microsoft Corporation - Great Plains’ Solomon business unit, where he was responsible for product development, professional services, and sales and marketing across all Solomon product line offerings, as well as senior vice president of Solomon Software’s Services Business Units. Kurjan also held the positions of vice president of the Knowledge Management Group, vice president and general manager of Support and Education Services, vice president of Sales and Marketing, and vice president of Sales in his tenure with Solomon Software.

Kurjan earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University of Oxford, Ohio, in 1982 and is a graduate of the 1996–1997 Findlay Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class. He was named the 1998 Outstanding Technical Support Professional of the Year by the Association of Support Professionals. Kurjan currently serves on the board of trustees of the University of Findlay, Blanchard Valley Hospital Association, Friends Business Solutions, The Findlay- Hancock County Arts Partnership and Plumblin Solutions, Inc.

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The Six Disciplines Leadership Center of Northwest Ohio was the first Leadership Center and has been operational since August 2004, and has clients throughout Northwest Ohio, including Toledo, Bowling Green, Findlay and Lima. For more information about the Six Disciplines Leadership Center of Northwest Ohio, contact the Center at 419.350.2044 or email [EKurjan@SixDisciplines.com](mailto:EKurjan@SixDisciplines.com).

Six Disciplines Corporation continues to add to its growing nationwide network of independently owned and operated professional business coaching franchises. Six Disciplines Leadership Centers are also operational elsewhere in Ohio, Florida, North Carolina and Indiana. For inquiries about Six Disciplines Leadership Center franchise opportunities in other U.S. locations, contact Scott May at 419-581-2821 or email [smay@SixDisciplines.com](mailto:smay@SixDisciplines.com).

### **About Six Disciplines Leadership Center of Northwest Ohio**

The Six Disciplines Leadership Center of Northwest Ohio delivers a systematic business-building methodology, practical Internet technologies, and local business coaching for businesses to achieve lasting excellence. The Six Disciplines™ Methodology integrates the essential elements of strategic planning, quality management, organizational learning, business process automation, performance management and measure-driven improvement. By working with the Six Disciplines Leadership Center of Northwest Ohio, passionate business leaders and their organizations overcome the natural tendency to lose their edge, and can transform their organization's performance using a holistic, practical, and systematic business-building system. The Six Disciplines Methodology is revealed in detail in the top-rated book ***“Six Disciplines for Excellence: Building Small Businesses That Learn, Lead and Last,”*** available from Amazon.com at [www.SixDisciplines.com/book](http://www.SixDisciplines.com/book). Visit the Six Disciplines Leadership Center of Northwest Ohio on the web at [www.SixDisciplines.com/Toledo](http://www.SixDisciplines.com/Toledo) .

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