



STERLING INVESTMENT PARTNERS' PORTFOLIO COMPANY U.S. MAINTENANCE COMPLETES REFINANCING AND STRATEGIC ACQUISITION

Westport, Connecticut / July 11, 2005 -- Sterling Investment Partners, L.P., a private equity group, today announced that its portfolio company, U.S. Maintenance, an outsourced facilities maintenance provider, has completed a \$77 million refinancing in connection with its acquisition of Network Services Management Inc. ("Network"), a national provider of outsourced electrical services for the retail industry. This acquisition adds highly complementary services and a broader customer network to the U.S. Maintenance platform. CapitalSource, the current lender to the company, provided the new financing.

U.S. Maintenance, based in Norristown, Pennsylvania, is a national leader in providing contract management and outsourced facilities maintenance services to large, national customers. The Company currently provides outsource contract management services in the area of janitorial services and floor care, landscaping and snow removal, and repair and disaster restoration services. The Company acts as a national contract manager by leveraging its proprietary relationship network of over 3,000 sub-contractors throughout the U.S. and Canada. This allows the Company to rapidly source and effectively manage a network of local service providers, which would otherwise represent a logistical challenge to national companies.

Network was founded in 1982 and is an outsourced service provider of electrical and lighting maintenance to national retailers. The company offers a range of services to meet the needs of the retail industry with over 1,500 electricians and sign sub-contractors throughout the country. Network is well established with strong recognition in the retail industry.

David Gansky, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of U.S. Maintenance said, "This acquisition represents a compelling fit for our business. Network's "on-demand" electrical and lighting services enables us to increase our offering to our existing customer base and provides additional opportunity to work with new customers."

Mr. Gansky added, "We will continue to seek to acquire companies in the facilities maintenance industry and other outsourced contract management businesses."

Charles W. Santoro, a Managing Partner of Sterling Investment Partners, commented, "U.S. Maintenance is well positioned to take advantage of the growing trend toward facilities maintenance outsourcing by major companies. We will continue to support the company, and have great confidence in the management team."

Sterling Investment Partners, L.P. is a leading private equity firm focused on the middle market with approximately \$1.0 billion under management. Sterling invests in companies with significant competitive strengths and growth potential. Founded in 1991, Sterling and its predecessor have completed investments, strategic or add-on acquisitions, and liquidity events with an aggregate transaction value of approximately \$4.0 billion, representing nearly 50 companies. Sterling maintains a broad industry focus, including business services, niche manufacturing and industrial growth, transportation and logistics, and technology related businesses.