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**AON TO TAKE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN COLLEGE TO CAREERS AS KEY PART OF 750 JOBS
COMPANY IS CREATING IN CHICAGO**

Long-Term Philanthropic and Lease Commitments to Chicago Also in Place

Aon plc (NYSE:AON) announced today that it will actively participate in the College to Careers program lead by City Colleges of Chicago as part of the 750 jobs the company is creating in Chicago.

Aon said that it will be adding 350 new hires in addition to 400 relocations, as the company adds 750 jobs by 2013. The 350 new jobs will be comprised of 200 new hires in 2012, and 150 new hires in the first half of 2013. These positions will range across Aon's business, with an emphasis on the high growth benefits administration and health care exchange sectors.

The College to Careers program is an innovative approach to ensuring that Chicago residents are prepared for jobs in high growth industries—jobs that are available today but go unfilled because workers lack the necessary skills. With College to Careers, graduates of the City Colleges will earn degrees with real economic value, the partnership will spur job creation and our partner companies will gain access to a trained and talented workforce.

“Aon has long been a civic leader in Chicago and these commitments to the city will strengthen Aon's presence in our city for generations to come,” said Mayor Emanuel. “By working directly with City Colleges, Aon will help create an environment in which our young people will enter the workforce prepared for the jobs of today and the jobs of the future. Aon will benefit, the students will benefit, and the city will benefit most of all.”



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City Colleges welcomes Aon's commitment to the College to Careers program. Diversifying the mix of companies involved with the program provides a well-rounded educational experience and diverse skill set for students.

"Aon is one of the world's most respected companies, and we look forward to working with them as they bring their expertise to our students," said City Colleges of Chicago Chancellor Cheryl Hyman. "A partnership with Aon will further secure Chicago's status as an international capital of finance and insurance by preparing students to be ready for the many opportunities in this field."

In addition to these investments into the economic growth and civic landscape of Chicago, Aon will be extending its lease in the Aon center for 17 years, with the ability to expand in the future. The company last December also re-affirmed its philanthropic commitments to the City with a \$15 million dollar pledge over five years.

"Investing in people and the communities in which they live and work is part of the DNA at Aon," said Greg Case, president and chief executive officer of Aon. "We are proud to stand with Mayor Emanuel and Chancellor Hyman as they prepare the workforce that will build the future of Chicago and the world."

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