

## H&R Block CEO to Give Presentation at FTN Midwest Research Securities Conference

October 25, 2004 4:01 PM ET

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 25, 2004--H&R Block Inc. (NYSE:HRB) announced today that Mark A. Ernst, chairman and chief executive officer, will discuss H&R Block's business strategy and the upcoming tax season, as well as short- and long-term financial targets for the company, at the FTN Midwest Research Securities Conference, noon (ET), Nov. 3, in New York City.

Participants can access the listen-only audio webcast of the conference at <http://www.hrblock.com/about/investor/>. To participate, click on the "FTN Midwest Research Securities Conference" link. Webcast participants are encouraged to log on 15 to 20 minutes in advance to ensure a good connection and software compatibility.

Replays of the audio webcast will be available through Jan. 3, 2005, at <http://www.hrblock.com/about/investor/>.

### About H&R Block

H&R Block Inc. ([www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com)) is a diversified company with subsidiaries that deliver tax services and financial advice, investment and mortgage services, and business accounting and consulting services. H&R Block empowers clients to make tax and financial decisions by providing a unique combination of tax services, financial information and advice, and related products and services. The company's mission is to help clients achieve their tax and financial objectives by serving as their tax and financial partner.

As the world's largest tax services company, in 2004 H&R Block served more than 21 million clients in the U.S. and 12 countries. H&R Block Financial Advisors Inc. offers investment services and securities products. With approximately 1,000 financial advisors serving clients at approximately 360 branch offices, H&R Block Financial Advisors Inc. is a member NYSE, SIPC, a registered broker-dealer and investment advisor. H&R Block Inc. is not a registered broker-dealer and is not a registered investment advisor. H&R Block Mortgage Corp. offers a full range of retail mortgage services. Option One Mortgage Corp. provides mortgage services and offers wholesale mortgages through large financial institutions and a network of 24,000 independent mortgage brokers. RSM McGladrey Business Services Inc. and its subsidiaries serve mid-sized businesses and their owners with tax, accounting and business consulting services, as well as personal wealth management services.

### **CONTACT:** H&R Block Inc.

Media Relations

Bob Schneider, 816-932-4835

or

Investor Relations

Pam Kearney, 816-932-1967

**SOURCE:** H&R Block Inc.