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New York, November 17, 2015 – Georgeson, a Computershare company, and the world's foremost provider of strategic shareholder consulting services to corporations and shareholder groups, announced today the release of the 28th *Annual Corporate Governance Review*, a comprehensive analysis of annual meetings, shareholder initiatives and proxy contests for US public companies.

"The rise of proxy access and growing influence of activists created new challenges for public companies during the 2015 proxy season, and these challenges will likely persist in the 2016 proxy season," said Rajeev Kumar, CFA, Senior Managing Director of Georgeson US and author of the *Review*.

The *Review* includes a complete set of proxy voting data, including year-over-year summary trends and detailed company vote results. The *Review* also provides critical takeaways for issues such as:

- The rise of proxy access
- Trends in shareholder engagement
- Increasing focus on board composition in director elections
- Say on pay and pay-for-performance disconnect
- Shareholder activism and contested solicitations

Georgeson has collected and published statistics on corporate governance proposals since 1987, the year institutional investors first sponsored shareholder proposals.

To view the complete 2015 *Annual Corporate Governance Review*, including the proposals and contests covered and Georgeson's analysis of the outcomes, visit www.georgeson.com/acgr.

About Georgeson

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