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### **Robert Frances Group Releases New White Paper on the Compliance Software Market**

*Analyst John Van Decker Examines the Best Types of Technology to Support SOX 404*

April 27, 2006 – Westport CT: The new Robert Frances Group (RFG) white paper provides much-needed guidance for businesses, to assist in determining how and where technology can support sustainable compliance.

In the new white paper, “*Continuous Monitoring of Financial Transactions: Why It’s a Priority for Sustainable Compliance*”, RFG Senior Vice President John Van Decker offers a clear overview of the compliance technology market and practical advice on where organizations should consider focusing their technology investments. “The time for a wait-and-see approach to compliance technology investment is over – we know regulatory mandates such as SOX 404 are here to stay,” says Van Decker. “After more than two years of trying to comply with these requirements through manual testing of internal controls, companies know they must automate to sustain ongoing compliance. Organizations need to find ways to embed improved compliance and governance processes and technology across the enterprise, so they can go back to focusing on the business of running the business.”

The white paper outlines the evolving compliance solutions market, describes its four main technology categories (audit tools, compliance management solutions, financial transaction monitoring, and security and IT controls testing), and evaluates each one based on how it supports various compliance requirements, giving practical examples of how these technologies can be applied within specific business processes. In addition, a vendor checklist is provided to help companies short-list software vendors, based on six key criteria, to ensure organizations can select and implement the solutions that best fit their compliance and business needs.

If you would like to receive a copy of the white paper, please complete the attached link, <http://www.rfgonline.com/studies/compliance/index.html>.

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