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**ASCENT HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS' MICHELLE BARNETT PROMOTED TO
VICE PRESIDENT STRATEGIC SERVICES**

Key Long-Term Employee Brings Extensive Process Improvement Experience and Industry Knowledge to Further Enhance Ascent's Ability to Meet Customer Needs

Phoenix, Ariz. – December 3, 2008 – Ascent Healthcare Solutions (Ascent), a leader in the medical device industry delivering efficiency and sustainability in healthcare, has promoted Michelle Barnett to vice president of strategic services. Barnett will focus on expanding sales and operations planning at the executive level and balancing inventory supply with ever-changing customer demand to support Ascent's ongoing growth.

Barnett has been the director of Strategic Systems Planning since 2006, managing the sales and operations planning process as well as the project managers and application developers. When she joined Ascent in 2002, she managed the migration of customer contract management into an electronically managed pricing module within Ascent's sales order management system. She has continued to focus on project management and business process improvements.

Prior to joining Ascent, Barnett was a consultant with MSS Technologies in Phoenix, Ariz., where she was part of the team that implemented an eCommerce site for one of the state's largest privately held companies.

Barnett, a Chandler resident, is active with the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS) and Project Management Institute.

ABOUT ASCENT HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS

By continuously pioneering sustainability initiatives in healthcare, Ascent Healthcare Solutions has become a leader in the medical device industry. Ascent's programs target inefficient practices to reclaim and redirect consumable and financial resources to promote healthy and responsible hospitals. Today, Ascent's medical device sustainability programs deliver reprocessed and/or re-manufactured medical devices as well as comprehensive recycling and redistribution initiatives. Ascent has been recognized as a "Champion for Change" by Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (now Practice Greenhealth) in recognition of the dramatic environmental benefits its reprocessing programs provide to U.S. hospitals and surgery centers. Ascent's 1,700 hospital partners include most of the U.S. News and World Report "Honor Roll" hospitals. The company has agreements with all leading national group purchasing organizations as well as numerous nationally recognized hospital integrated delivery networks. For more information about Ascent Healthcare Solutions, visit www.ascenths.com.

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