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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

### **ASHHRA Announces First Thought Leader Forum**

CHICAGO – July 2, 2008 – The American Society for Healthcare Human Resources (ASHHRA), a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association (AHA), recently announced plans to convene its first Thought Leader Forum on Thursday, July 24, 2008 in San Diego, prior to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Forum and AHA Leadership Summit.

A select group of thought leaders—AHA-member CEOs and other health care workforce and quality experts—have been invited to participate in the first Forum, a two-hour session titled, “The Role of HR in Quality and Patient Safety.” Results of the session will be compiled in a summary of findings and shared with ASHHRA members as well as all AHA-member CEOs and attendees.

“As HR leaders, part of our responsibility is to stay ahead of the trends that could potentially affect the health care field,” said ASHHRA President Jeanene Martin. “At the first Forum in July, I am anticipating an energizing and forward-thinking discussion resulting in many new and innovative ideas for the future.”

Thought Leader Forums provide a vehicle for ASHHRA to better understand the most vital health care issues and trends facing its members. The goal of these Forums is to help ASHHRA members become well-equipped to successfully lead their organizations into the future. The Forums are under the direction of the ASHHRA Think Tank, an ad hoc advisory committee to the ASHHRA Board of Directors. A second Thought Leader Forum, “The Role of HR in Health Care Workforce Issues,” is scheduled for October 11, 2008 in Austin, Texas, prior to the ASHHRA Annual Conference and Exposition.

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**About ASHRA**

Founded in 1964, ASHRA is the leading voice for HR professionals in health care—linking people and organizations to leadership practices, best practices to patient outcomes, and outcomes to business results. Headquartered in Chicago, Ill., the society has more than 3,000 members and services the needs of over 50 chapters throughout the United States. For more information about ASHRA, visit [www.ashra.org](http://www.ashra.org).