



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 5, 2009

CONTACT: Jef Tingley
469.235.6396 cell
Jef@tingleycomm.com

**LOCAL HARDWARE STORE OFFERS FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH
ESTEEMED GREETER POSITION**

***Elliott's Hardware Touts 'Flexible Schedule, Short Commute and Low Stress' Among Job Perks
In Invitation Letter Posted In The Dallas Morning News***

DALLAS – Local independent retailer Elliott's Hardware appealed to former President George W. Bush to spend his newfound retirement working as one of its esteemed part-time greeters at the company's Maple Avenue store in Dallas. In addition to mailing the invitation letter directly to Mr. Bush, Elliott's also posted the opportunity in an ad that ran in the February 5 edition of *The Dallas Morning News*.

Considered an iconic part of the Elliott's Hardware culture, the store has employed greeters for more than 50 years as a way of ensuring that every customer walking through the front door sees a smiling face and someone who can assist with their questions. Many of these greeters once held executive positions in Corporate America and find the relaxed pace and social nature of the position an enjoyable way to spend their retirement.

"Our greeters are a legendary part of our customer service," said Kyle Walters, Elliott's Hardware president & CEO. "And we are offering the position to Mr. Bush in all sincerity. We think it would be a great fit for him as he settles back into life in Dallas."

Among the job perks listed in the letter are:

- A flexible part-time schedule (to allow travel to Crawford)
- An opportunity to keep up on his people skills
- A seven-mile commute between the store and his new home
- Ample parking (including space for his security detail)
- Employee discount (for any projects Mrs. Bush may have on the "Honey-Do" list)

-more-

Elliott's highlighted Mr. Bush's familiarity with working in a family-owned business and the low-stress of the position as additional benefits. The company also said it would be willing to let Mr. Bush try out the position for a day to see how he likes it before committing.

The complete greeter letter can be read online at www.elliottshardware.com. Elliott's Hardware is a local, family-owned, independent hardware store that has been servicing the hardware needs of North Texas since 1947. It is known for its helpful customer service, unbeatable selection (including more than 100,000 hardware items) and a wide selection of hard-to-find products.

#