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THE PRIVATEBANK BRANCH PRESIDENT RITTOF TO LEAD CED IN 2010

Michael F. Rittof will chair the Board of Directors of the Will County Center for Economic Development (CED) in 2010. The CED is a not-for-profit foundation, funded primarily by the private sector, to attract and retain business investments and jobs in Will County.

Mr. Rittof has been employed with The PrivateBank/Founders Bank for 31 years and serves as the Branch President of their Minooka, Channahon, and Joliet locations. Prior to assuming the role of Chairman for the CED, he acted as Board Secretary / Treasurer since 2005, Chair of the Investor Relations Committee in 2004, Chair of the Diplomats Committee in 2003, and Chair of the Community Roundtable (similar to the current Will Economic Network) in his role as Mayor of Channahon in 1994.

The CED was created by the business community at the height of another major economic recession—this one in 1983—when local unemployment hit 26.5%, a national record. The CED and its allies transformed Will County into an international economic powerhouse with a diversified business base, far better positioned than many areas to weather the current economic downturn. Over the years, the CED has been cited as one of the top 20 economic development organizations in the U.S.

“I look forward to working with the CED Board, in conjunction with business and municipal leaders, to continue to expedite Will County’s emergence from this current economic downturn” according to Rittof. “I am confident that the infrastructure and planning that has been done by the CED will assist Will County in thriving once again.”

In addition to Mr. Rittof, those serving as CED directors in 2010 include: James R. Rink, Operations Manager at Caterpillar, as Vice Chair; Jeffrey L. Brickman, FACHE, System Senior Vice President and President and CEO of Provena Health’s Southwest Suburban Region as Past Chair; Steven J. Randich, Regional President, Harris Joliet as Secretary / Treasurer; and Thomas Osterberger, Kavanagh, Grumley & Gorbold, LLC as General Counsel. Other members of the Executive Committee include Edward J. Dollinger, Investment Representative with Edward

Jones Investments; Br. James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University; Jon Johnson, General Manager of Empress Casino Hotel Joliet; Paul Pawlak, President of Silver Cross Hospital; Kevin T. Reardon, Officer with Stone Tower, LLC; Robert A. Rogina, President of Rogina Engineers & Surveyors; James M. Roof, President / Joliet Banking Center of First Midwest Bank; Craig Rust, President of Raceway Associates and Chicagoland Speedway; David L. Ruttle, Senior Partner with McKeown, Fitzgerald, Zollner, Buck, Hutchison, & Ruttle; Arthur Schultz, Mayor of Joliet; Rick E. Szalach, Refinery Manager of Exxon Mobil Joliet Refinery; Frank Turk, Jr., President of Turk Furniture; and Lawrence M. Walsh, Will County Executive.

Newly installed Board members include Patrick Brosnan, President of Legat Architects; Ben Koff, Director of Planning & Analysis at Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel; and Amir Shahkarami, Site Vice President of Exelon Generation Company, LLC.

Board members re-elected are Rev. Craig Herr, Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Joliet; Jeffrey Hettrick, External Affairs Manager with ComEd; Dr. Theodore M. Kanellakes of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic; Gregory G. Kuhn, Site Leader of Dow Chemical Company; Richard Kwasneski, Executive Director of the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority; Barbara H. Ladner, Manager of Business Development with Pace Suburban Bus; Rudy Mahalik, Jr., President of Poehner, Dillman, & Mahalik; and Dale M. Reiser, President of Professional Building Services.

Advisory Board members approved for election / re-election are Ivan Baker, Director of Economic Development with the Village of Tinley Park and Chair of the Will Economic Network; Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Regional Superintendent, Will County Regional Office of Education; Joe Cook, President, Will County Governmental League; Patricia A. Fera, Manager, Will County Workforce Investment Board; Debbie Halvorson, Congresswoman, United States House of Representatives, 11th District; Michael D. Hennessy, President & CEO, The United Way of Will County; Angelo Ippolito, Owner/Manager of Pridestaff and Chair of the Will County Transportation & Logistics Council; David L. McClintock, CEO, Three Rivers Association of Realtors; Thomas A. Meyer, Vice President/Retail Credit Manager with Harris N.S. and Chair of the Joliet City Center Partnership; Geoff Tryon, Vice-President, Health Service Systems, Inc. with Silver Cross Hospital; Tom White, Construction & Labor Liaison, Three Rivers Construction Alliance; and Derek Wright, Northern Insurance Services, Ltd. And Chair of the Diplomats Committee.

A full listing of the Board of Directors, along with additional information on the purpose, projects, and upcoming events of the CED is included on their website at www.willcountyced.com.

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