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Chester County Economic Development Council names Dr. John K. Baillie winner of Hall of Fame Award

Business Achievement Awards Dinner set for March 27

EXTON _ Dr. John K. Baillie, former executive director and chief executive officer of the Chester County Intermediate Unit, has been named The Hall of Fame Award winner by the Chester County Economic Development Council.

“Dr. Baillie has been an innovative educator in Chester County for many years,” said Gary Smith, president and chief executive officer of the Economic Development Council. “He certainly deserves this prestigious award.”

Starting in 1982, Dr. Baillie grew the Intermediate Unit from 225 employees and a \$2.5 million budget to one of the largest units in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Intermediate Unit now employs more than 1,375 and has a \$165 million annual budget. The organization offers more than 175 different educational programs ranging from Head Start to non-Public School Services, to Vocational and Career Education. A hands-on school administrator who rose from the ranks of shop teachers, Dr. Baillie’s commitment to education and the instructional needs of children is legendary.

The award will be given on Thursday, March 27, 2008, during the Economic Development Council’s Fifth Annual Business Achievement Awards Dinner. The event will take place at QVC Studio Park, West Chester, beginning with a reception at 5:00 p.m. The dinner and program begins at 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$90 per ticket. For information on the dinner, contact Kathy Field at kfield@cceconomicdevelopment.com.

Also to be honored at the dinner will be Mandy Cabot and Peter Kjellerup of Dansko, Inc. as The Paradigm Award winner and VideoRay as the Globe Award winner. The Paradigm Award is given to a small business owner who has been successful in starting and operating a business in Chester County. The Globe Award is presented by the International Business Council to recognize a company that has achieved excellence in pursuing, developing and growing international business.

Dansko, Inc., founded in 1991, engages in the design, sourcing, marketing and sale of comfortable, innovative, high quality footwear for men and women, importing approximately

two million pairs of shoes annually from its worldwide network of suppliers. Headquartered in West Grove, Dansko footwear is distributed in more than 3,500 premier independent and specialty retail locations in North America, and distributed in nine countries.

VideoRay designs and manufactures submersible robotic cameras which are the smallest, lightest, and most easily deployed remotely operated vehicles available. They capture the highest quality video underwater at the most affordable price. State of the art materials, electronics, optics, and hydrodynamics make the VideoRay sophisticated under the hood, but simple at the controls.

The keynote speaker for the event is author and attorney Lisa Scottoline.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for more than 40 years. The Council's portfolio of business growth services includes: low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its brand new facility in Eagleview. For more information, see www.cceconomicdevelopment.com.