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Chester County Economic Development Council hosts Business Achievement Awards Dinner

Event takes place April 16 at Phoenixville Foundry

EXTON _ The 2009 Chester County Economic Development Council's Business Achievement Awards Dinner will include the induction of Greg Bentley, Chief Executive Officer of Bentley Systems, into the Chester County Hall of Fame.

Also to be honored during the April 16, 2009 event will be Mark Zandi and Paul Getman of Moody's Economy.com, winner of the Paradigm Award and Keystone Helicopter Corp., winner of the Chester County Globe Award.

"We are excited about the slate of award winners this year highlighted by Greg Bentley," said Gary Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Development Council. "The awardees represent a diverse mix of industries, one of the real keys to the economic success this County has had over the years."

To register for the dinner go to www.cceconomicdevelopment.com or call 610-458-5700. Tickets cost \$115. The event begins at 5:45 p.m. at the Phoenixville Foundry and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

The Chester County Hall of Fame Award is given to an individual in recognition of outstanding endeavors and achievements within the Chester County business community. Bentley Systems is the world's leading company dedicated to providing comprehensive software solutions for the infrastructure lifecycle, who believe in the vital role that infrastructure must play both in sustaining society and in sustaining the environment. Bentley has proven applications that help engineers, architects, contractors, governments, institutions, utilities and owner-operators design, build and operate more productively, collaborate more globally and deliver infrastructure assets that perform more sustainably.

When Greg Bentley joined his four founding brothers at Bentley Systems in 1991, the company had 35 colleagues. Bentley now has more than 2,800 colleagues in over 50 offices worldwide and annual revenues surpassing \$500 million. Bentley Systems has invested over \$1 billion in research, development and acquisitions since 1993.

The Paradigm Award honors a small business owner who has been successful in starting and operating a business in Chester County. Recipients of this award have demonstrated the

entrepreneurial skills required for beginning a new business and creatively operating it through numerous markets, economic and global challenges.

Moody's Economy.com is the 2009 Paradigm Award winner. Moody's Economy.com is a leading independent provider of economic analysis, data, and forecasting and credit risk services. Their worldwide client base includes the largest commercial and investment banks, insurance companies, financial services firms, mutual funds, governments at all levels, regulators, manufacturers, utilities, and industrial and technology companies.

Keystone Helicopter Corp., a modern helicopter support and service company, leads the industry with a solid reputation for quality. The company has one of the largest and most complete maintenance and overhaul facilities for helicopters in the United States and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sikorsky Aircraft. The Globe Award, presented by CCEDC's International Business Council, recognizes a company that has achieved excellence in pursuing, developing, and growing their international business.

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 45 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 facility in Eagleview. For more information, see www.cceconomicdevelopment.com.