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Recipients Announced for the Ninth Annual Pittsburgh Business Ethics Award (PBEA)

Pittsburgh, PA - The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals has announced the 2009 recipients of its ninth annual presentation of the **Pittsburgh Business Ethics Awards (PBEA)**. This year's event was held at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Downtown Pittsburgh on Friday, February 12, 2010. This is the ninth consecutive year where the awards are presented to honor local companies that demonstrate a firm commitment to ethical business practices.

The Society of FSP™ – Pittsburgh Chapter presents the PBEA in conjunction with the David Berg Center for Ethics and Leadership at the University of Pittsburgh. The annual event was jointly sponsored by Innovative Benefits Consulting, Inc., NewsRadio 1020 KDKA, and Trib Total Media.

Three separate awards were presented based on the size of the companies and the number of employees. A number of factors are taken into consideration when selecting the winners of this award, including everyday operations, management, philosophies, and responses to crises or challenges.

The 2009 PBEA recipient of the Large Company category (with more than 2,500 employees) is **Eat 'n Park**. The other nominees for this category were **Honeywell Electronic Materials** and **Turner Construction Co.**

The 2009 PBEA recipient of the Medium-Sized Company category (with 250 - 2,500 employees) is **#1 Cochran**. Other nominees for this category were **K & L Gates, LLP** and **Acusis, LLC**.

The 2009 PBEA recipient of the Small Company category (with less than 250 employees) is **IQ, Inc.** The other nominee for this category was **Joyce's Fine Jewelry**.

This year's PBEA recipients may now enter into the American Business Ethics Award sponsored by the National Society of FSP™. The local PBEA recipient of the Medium-Sized Company category for 2005, MEDRAD, chose this path and went on to become a National Winner.

The Judges for this year's PBEA were: **Richard Roda**, MSA Corporation; **Eden Fischer**, Carnegie Mellon University; **William Hefley**, Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh; **Scott Hudson**, Alcoa, Inc.; and **Jan Watcher**, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to the awards, the event featured keynote speaker **Gregory S. Babe**, President and CEO of Bayer Corporation and Bayer Material Science LLC.

Plans are underway for the Tenth Annual Pittsburgh Business Ethics Awards. Nomination details can be found on the Chapter's website. For more information, please call the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals at (412) 655-4447 or sfspittsburgh@verizon.net, or visit the Chapter's website at www.pittsburghsfsp.org.

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