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Mike Langley to Step Down as CEO of Allegheny Conference on Community Development

PITTSBURGH - (March 23, 2009) – Today, the Allegheny Conference on Community Development (ACCD) announced that the organization’s chief executive officer, F. Michael Langley will step down as CEO from the organization effective March 23, 2009. He will continue as a consultant to the Conference and Affiliates through the end of 2009.

“Mike brought extensive experience in building public-private partnerships to the Allegheny Conference and has helped shape this region into being a destination of choice for both individuals and businesses alike,” said James Rohr, immediate past chair of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development.

Under Langley’s leadership the Conference successfully navigated the affiliation of three organizations under the ACCD umbrella: Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, Pennsylvania Economy League of Southwestern PA, LLC, and the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance.

“It has been an honor to lead the Allegheny Conference and its Affiliates in making the Pittsburgh region a better place to live and work,” said Langley. “The Allegheny Conference has truly made a great difference in the region’s economic development, and I am honored to have been a part of that change.” During Langley’s tenure, the organization was recognized as one of the best regional economic development groups in the nation.

Most recently, Langley led ACCD efforts to mark the international celebration of the Pittsburgh region’s 250th anniversary. This year-long commemoration brought together multi-faceted events that showed people across the world how to “Imagine” what Pittsburgh has to offer as “America’s Most Livable Region.”

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“Mike’s service to the Conference has been outstanding,” said John Surma, chair of the Conference. “He has led economic development initiatives that have made this region stronger than ever, and he has the gratitude and appreciation of the ACCD Board and all of our Regional Investor members.”

“Mike Langley’s leadership and vision have helped the Conference be well positioned to assist the region’s future economic prosperity,” said Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato.

Langley will be succeeded by Dennis Yablonsky, former secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development under Governor Edward Rendell. Yablonsky’s appointment is effective March 24, 2009.

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The Allegheny Conference on Community Development and Affiliates – the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, the Pennsylvania Economy League of Southwestern Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance – work in collaboration with public and private sector partners to stimulate economic growth and improve the quality of life in southwestern Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.alleghenyconference.org.