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**Allegheny Conference announces leadership transition**

*Morgan K. O'Brien to serve as chair of Conference in 2014*

*Richard J. Harshman named Conference vice chair and new chair of Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce*

(PITTSBURGH – November 6, 2013) – In advance of its Annual Meeting this evening, the Allegheny Conference on Community Development is announcing leadership changes as current Allegheny Conference Chair Charles E. Bunch, chairman and CEO of PPG Industries, completes his term of service.

“I am proud to have served as chair of the Conference and to continue PPG’s tradition and commitment to civic leadership. As I step down as chair, I have enormous confidence in the leaders who will continue to move the Conference and our region forward. I will work together with the new leadership to help make the Pittsburgh region an even better place in the years ahead,” said Bunch.

Bunch will continue to serve as a member of the Allegheny Conference board.

Morgan K. O’Brien, CEO of Peoples Natural Gas, who currently serves as a vice chair of the Conference and as the chair of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, an affiliate of the Conference, will succeed Bunch as board chair of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, effective January 1, 2014.

“I appreciate the confidence that my fellow Conference board members have placed in me to continue our efforts to create sustainable prosperity for everyone in our region. While we have made progress, we have much work to do. I look forward to working with private, non-profit and public sector partners to advance our people and our communities in today’s global economy,” said O’Brien.

Richard J. Harshman, chairman, president and CEO of Allegheny Technologies Incorporated, who currently serves on the Allegheny Conference board and Executive Committee, will succeed O’Brien as chair of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce

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board, effective January 1, 2014. Harshman will also join Conference Vice Chairs Laura E. Ellsworth, partner-in-charge of Jones Day - Pittsburgh and chair of the Pennsylvania Economy League of Greater Pittsburgh and David J. Malone, President and CEO of Gateway Financial and chair of the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance as a vice chair of the Conference.

“I am pleased to take on this new role as chair of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber which advocates for our region’s interests in Harrisburg and Washington, DC. I know personally the kind of opportunity this region offers for economic growth and business investment. Keeping our business climate competitive will ensure that we will see even more investment here in the future,” said Harshman.

### **About the Allegheny Conference**

Founded in 1944, the [Allegheny Conference on Community Development](#) is one of the nation's leading economic and community development organizations, combining strong private sector leadership with commitment from public sector partners. Our strategic focus is on creating a more competitive business climate and marketing the Pittsburgh region for investment, job creation and talent. The Conference relies upon the Regional Investors Council – leaders of more than 300 companies and organizations from across the 10-county Pittsburgh region – to provide time, talent and resources to advance [our 2012-2014 Agenda](#).

The Conference’s three affiliated organizations, the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, the Pennsylvania Economy League of Greater Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, provide advocacy, research and analysis and marketing to realize the vision of the Conference leadership.

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**Note to Editors:** Headshots of Charles Bunch, Morgan O’Brien and Richard Harshman are available [here](#).