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Brian K. Jensen named executive director of Pennsylvania Economy League of Southwestern PA

(Pittsburgh – July 23, 2010) – Brian K. Jensen, Ph.D. has been named the executive director of the Pennsylvania Economy League of Southwestern PA (PELSW) which serves the 10 county Pittsburgh region.

“The Economy League plays a crucial role in bringing to bear expert research and analysis on important public policy issues. It provides the facts, insight and perspective that guide the Allegheny Conference’s public policy initiatives. Brian’s expertise together with the commitment of our Economy League board members is a powerful combination for improving the competitiveness and quality of life in the Pittsburgh region.” said Dennis Yablonsky, Allegheny Conference on Community Development CEO.

“On behalf of the board, we are very pleased that Brian has accepted this leadership role. He brings great depth of experience with the Economy League’s structure and board leadership plus knowledge and experience with many facets of local and regional public policy,” said Laura Ellsworth, Partner-in-Charge, Jones Day Pittsburgh Office and PELSW chair.

Dr. Jensen began his career with the Pennsylvania Economy League in 1987. During his tenure, he has focused on projects related to municipal government including reform of municipal pensions, county government and tax collection.

He holds a Ph.D. in history and public policy from Carnegie Mellon University and bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Ball State University (IN). His prior experience includes service as a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia. A resident of Ben Avon, he currently serves on the board of the Local Government Academy and is a graduate of Leadership Pittsburgh.

In addition to serving as executive director, Dr. Jensen will continue to serve as senior vice president, civic policy for the Allegheny Conference on Community Development.

The Pennsylvania Economy League of Southwestern PA, LLC, the research affiliate of the [Allegheny Conference on Community Development](http://alleghenyconference.org), provides research and analysis on specific public policy priorities. The information it provides serves the business, civic and governmental leadership of southwestern Pennsylvania in support of improvements for living and doing business in the 10-county Pittsburgh region.

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