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**Statement from Dennis Yablonsky, CEO, Allegheny Conference on Community Development,
on Kathryn Klaber's leadership of the Marcellus Shale Coalition**

(Pittsburgh, PA – January 11, 2010) The Allegheny Conference on Community Development congratulates Kathryn Z. Klaber, executive vice president for competitiveness at the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, on accepting the position of president and executive director of the Marcellus Shale Coalition. The Marcellus Shale Coalition (MSC) has been formed to coordinate the work of many stakeholders in the development of the resource, which is among the largest natural gas fields on earth.

“We wish Katie well in this promising new endeavor,” said Dennis Yablonsky, Conference CEO. “Her background and in-depth knowledge of Pennsylvania’s political landscape and natural environment will go a long way in serving both the natural gas industry and the people of Pennsylvania. Through the Energy Alliance of Southwestern Pennsylvania we look forward to continuing to work with her in her new role as numerous partners work to position our region as a leading global provider of sustainable energy solutions across multiple sectors.”

For the past seven years at the Conference, in addition to her role as executive vice president of competitiveness, Ms. Klaber has served as executive director of the Pennsylvania Economy League of Southwestern Pennsylvania, LLC, and for the past year as managing director of the PEL. She was the staff lead of the Compete PA coalition from its inception and played a significant role in successful Conference initiatives to achieve greater tax competitiveness and business climate improvement in Pennsylvania. Ms. Klaber also advanced Conference initiatives around air and water quality, always working proactively on behalf of a growing economy and an improving environment.

“Katie provided an outstanding level of service to the Conference and our members. Through her dedicated efforts, the Conference achieved significant improvements in the region’s business climate. We wish Katie continued success in her new role,” said John Surma, chairman of the Allegheny Conference Board and CEO of U. S. Steel.

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.

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