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ACG Cincinnati announces winners of 2008 Deal Maker Awards presented by Huntington Bank

APRIL 10, 2008 – CINCINNATI, OH – George A. Schaefer, Jr., Chairman of Fifth Third Bankcorp is the designated recipient of the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the Cincinnati Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth as part of its annual Deal Maker Awards Program.

Six other Cincinnati businesses and business leaders will also receive recognition at the ACG Cincinnati Deal Maker Awards Dinner on May 22 at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati.

James Denedy and Louis Lauch will each receive the Entrepreneur Award for their respected and sustained efforts in the development of new businesses in the region. The 2008 Financier / Servicer Provider category awards will be presented to Calvin Buford of the law firm Dinsmore & Shohl LLP and Donald Feldmann of Winton Associates, Inc., a leading Cincinnati-based investment banking firm.

Businesses recognized with Corporate Deal Maker Awards are CECO Environmental, the largest broad-based air pollution control company in the United States and Storopack Incorporated, a manufacturer, converter and recycler of expanded polystyrene.

The Deal Maker Awards are presented annually by ACG Cincinnati to recognize significant achievements of local companies, entrepreneurs and financiers who participate in merger and acquisition activity in Greater Cincinnati. Award winners are "Deal Makers" who have been inspirational, visionary, creative, tenacious and persistent in their efforts to complete acquisition, joint venture, financing and strategic alliance transactions.

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Lifetime Achievement Award honoree George A. Schaefer, Jr. joined Fifth Third Bank in 1971 as a management trainee. He was named President and Chief Operating Officer in early 1989, when the company had \$7.1 billion in assets, and was elevated to Chief Executive Officer in 1991. Under his leadership, Fifth Third has grown to a \$100 billion diversified financial services corporation throughout a 10-state region. He was promoted to Chairman in June 2006. On April 17, 2007, Mr. Schaefer relinquished the title of Chief Executive Officer, but remains Chairman of the Board of Directors.

James Denedy, winner of a 2008 Entrepreneur Award, served as President, CEO and Chairman of Engyro Corporation prior to the acquisition of the company by Microsoft. He orchestrated the development of several other firms as well. Louis Lauch has been the owner & President of KBM, Inc. a company based in the Cincinnati region that provides housekeeping services for large, complex government and private facilities.

The 2008 Financier / Service Provider Award winners are Calvin Buford and Donald Feldmann. Calvin D. Buford is a partner in the Corporate Department of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, a major regional law firm headquartered in Cincinnati. Mr. Buford practices general corporate and business law, with particular emphasis on mergers, acquisitions, financings and other transactions. Mr. Buford has been named one of Cincinnati's "Leading Lawyers" by *Cincy Business Magazine*. Also receiving a Financier / Service Provider award this year is Donald Feldmann. Mr. Feldmann is President and CEO for Winton Associates, Inc., the broker-dealer affiliate of Rippe & Kingston. He is responsible for advising clients on capital markets transactions, including arranging acquisitions, financing acquisitions and growth, private placements, mezzanine financing, valuations/fairness opinions and negotiation support.

Corporate Award winner CECO Environmental is the largest broad-based air pollution control company in the United States. Its strategy revolves around providing its customers complete turnkey solutions. This strategy is accomplished by its four distinct groups which provide contracting services, air pollution control equipment, parts, and engineering.

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Our second Corporate Award recipient is Storopack Incorporated, a worldwide leader in packaging materials and equipment, offering a wide range of cushioning and void-fill materials along with flexible packaging systems to simplify and streamline the packaging needs of their customers.

The 2008 ACG Cincinnati Deal Maker Awards are being presented by Huntington Bank with additional support from Cors & Bassett LLC, Attorneys-at-Law; Paycor Payroll Services; Rippe & Kingston, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants; and Winton Associates, Inc., Investment Bankers. Additional sponsorship support is provided by Greenebaum Doll & MacDonald PLLC, Attorneys-at-Law; Fifth Third Bank; Graydon Head & Ritchey, LLP, Attorneys-at-Law; and The Payne Firm, Environmental Consultants, Integra Bank and the *Business Courier* have also contributed to the event.

The Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) is the premier international association for professionals involved in corporate growth, corporate development, and mergers and acquisitions. ACG members are leaders in corporations, private equity, finance, and professional service firms focused on building value in their organizations. Since the association was founded in 1954 ACG members have focused on strategic activities that increase revenues, profits and, ultimately, stakeholder value. Today ACG has more than 12,000 members and 54 chapters in North America and Europe.

ACG Cincinnati is a regional chapter of the international association with more than 250 members in the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana tri-state area from Dayton to Louisville.

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