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### NOMINATION PROCESS COMMENCES FOR

### NEW JERSEY BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

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*Princeton, NJ* – Nominations for the New Jersey Business Hall of Fame (NJBHOF) are now being accepted through November 26, 2007. Nominations are being accepted on-line at <http://nj.ja.org>.

Last year's award recipients and NJBHOF inductees were Pamela Craig, CFO of Accenture; Kurt Landgraf, President and CEO of ETS; and Paul M. Pantozzi, Chairman and CEO of The Provident Bank.

This year's black-tie optional affair that will take place on April 17, 2008 is sponsored by Verizon with HSBC as the platinum sponsor, and will be held again at the historical Mezzanine of 744 Broad Street, Newark, NJ. Funds raised from the NJBHOF event support Junior Achievement of NJ's K-12 economic education and financial literacy in-school and after-school programs. Last school-year, JA-NJ served 28,882 youth in the Garden State through its volunteer network of community and corporate volunteers.

The NJBHOF is the premier platform for recognizing the ultimate role models to today's youth. Laureate induction into the New Jersey Business Hall of Fame is a lifetime achievement award for individuals who have made a major, positive impact on New Jersey through the private sector economy. Inductees have consistently demonstrated throughout their professional lives:

- Business excellence
- Visionary, innovative leadership
- Community involvement
- High ethical standards

Through these accomplishments, laureates serve as role models for the next generation of business leaders, many of whom are currently Junior Achievement students.

Three laureates are inducted annually and are drawn from one of the following categories:

- Those who are honored posthumously
- Those who are no longer active in a business for which they are being honored
- Those who are in the twilight of their career
- Those who are in the prime of their career

Laureates are selected by a committee comprised of leadership of the NJBHOF event that includes William Foshay of Verizon as Chairman; Bradford Gruby of Accenture, Brian Dunlap of CIT and Christine LaCroix of Deloitte as Vice Chairs; and from the three partnering organizations that includes Junior Achievement of New Jersey, the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, and The Star-Ledger, as well as past Hall of Fame Honorees.