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CVG and ACG (CT) Host November 19 Breakfast Business Briefing with Rob Simmons

Fairfield, CT (November 7, 2008): The Connecticut chapter of the Association of Corporate Growth (ACG-CT) and the Connecticut Venture Group (CVG) will host a Breakfast Business Briefing on Wednesday, November 19th at the Hartford Club (Hartford, CT) at 7:30 am. Connecticut's Business Advocate Bob Simmons will be the guest speaker.

Jim Barra, managing partner with Ironwood Capital and a member of the Board of Directors of ACG-CT, commented that Simmons, with experience in both Hartford and Washington, "was uniquely positioned to provide investors and entrepreneurs with an insider's view on how the Connecticut economy will be impacted the election results and decisions made in Washington and Hartford."

Rob Simmons served in Connecticut's General Assembly and was elected to three terms to Congress representing Connecticut's Second District. In April 2007, Governor Rell appointed Simmons as Connecticut's first Business Advocate. As Business Advocate, Simmons has been instrumental in coordinating Connecticut's technical assistance, training and financial resources for growing and expanding businesses.

The Breakfast Business Briefing is one of a series of events sponsored jointly by ACG-CT and CVG. Frank Milone, a partner with the accounting and consultancy firm of Fiondella, Milone & LaSarcina and who serves as co-president of the Connecticut Venture Group's Hartford Chapter, noted that the opportunity to bring together both venture and start-up investors with middle market and private equity investors was timely. "To continue to grow, many Connecticut firms will need access to capital and credit," commented Milone, "and the Breakfast will be an opportunity to share perspectives and discuss the impact of the slowing economy on business financing."

The November 19th Breakfast Business Briefing is free for ACG-CT and CVG members and \$75 for all others. Guests can register at <http://chapters.acg.org/connecticut/> or by calling 203-256-5955.

Details:

What: ACG-CT & CVG Business Breakfast Briefing
With Rob Simmons, Connecticut's Business Advocate

When: Wednesday, November 19th; 7:30 - 9:30 am

Where: Hartford Club, Hartford CT

Cost: ACG-CT and CVG members: No charge
Others: \$75.

To Register: <http://chapters.acg.org/connecticut/> or by calling 203-256-5955

The **Connecticut Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG Connecticut)** is a membership organization that facilitates relationship-building and focused education for the middle market deal-making professionals in Connecticut as well as throughout the Northeast. Today, ACG Connecticut stands at over 200 members from private equity groups, corporations, financial institutions and professional service firms. For more information on upcoming events, please visit www.acg.org/connecticut.

The **Connecticut Venture Group (CVG)** is a voluntary professional organization that is committed to connecting leading venture investment professionals with high-growth emerging companies. Our mission is to assist the development of these high growth enterprises through the promotion of capital formation in Connecticut.
