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## **Select Greater Philadelphia Welcomes Sikorsky To Greater Philadelphia**

### ***Acquisition of Keystone Helicopter Brings Fortune 100 Company to Greater Philadelphia Region***

**Philadelphia, PA – November 1, 2005** – Select Greater Philadelphia, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to marketing the Greater Philadelphia region, applauded today's announcement that Stratford, CT-based Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., a Fortune 100 company that provides a broad range of high-technology products and support services to the aerospace and building systems industries, has acquired Keystone Helicopter, a Chester County helicopter services company.

With the announcement, Sikorsky will now have a significant presence in Greater Philadelphia. It is anticipated that Sikorsky's presence could ultimately provide significant job growth in the region.

"This announcement is yet another sign of our regional economy's forward momentum," said Mark S. Schweiker, President and CEO of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. "This region has world-class great strength in the rotocraft industry cluster, and this alliance strengthens that further. Ultimately, this will mean more jobs for Greater Philadelphia.

Sikorsky is a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation, of Hartford, Conn., which provides a broad range of high-technology products and support services to the aerospace and building systems industries. Sikorsky helicopters occupy a prominent international position in the intermediate to heavy range of 11,700 lb. (5,300 kg.) to 73,500 lb. (33,000 kg.) gross weight. The company's helicopters are used by all branches of the United States armed forces, along with military services and commercial operators in more than 40 nations.

Keystone\_Helicopter, one of the largest and oldest helicopter services companies in the United States, has grown aggressively in the last four years, nearly tripling in size. The company operates a large fleet of turbine helicopters throughout the eastern United States. Since the 1950s, Keystone Helicopter has delivered high-quality service to the helicopter industry.

#### **About Select Greater Philadelphia**

Select Greater Philadelphia is a business marketing organization dedicated to building the economy of the Greater Philadelphia Region. It is a private, non-profit organization that focuses its resources on enhancing the profile and image of the region's business community in order to attract and retain businesses.

Select Greater Philadelphia markets the region nationally and globally in order to establish Greater Philadelphia as a top-tier place to do business. The Greater Philadelphia region encompasses Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Northern Delaware.

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