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Select Greater Philadelphia Welcomes 13 Companies to Greater Philadelphia *Companies Will Add Approximately 400 New Jobs to the Region*

Philadelphia – June 6, 2007 - Select Greater Philadelphia (Select), a not-for-profit economic development organization dedicated to marketing the Greater Philadelphia region and attracting new businesses to the community, recently welcomed 13 companies to Greater Philadelphia. These companies include: Delta Phi Epsilon, Ethnics Furniture, Gahagan & Bryant, Medical Students for Choice, MetroPCS Communications, Inc., The Mutual Fund Store, Simeone Automotive Foundation, SOCOM, and the Susquehanna Association for the Blind & Vision Impaired.

The location of these 13 companies in the region will add up to 400 new jobs to the local economy with the potential for even more opportunities as the organizations continue to expand. This adds to approximately 1,000 jobs expected in the region as the result of previously announced companies like Gamesa, Osstem, and Quintiq.

“We are happy to welcome each of these companies to Greater Philadelphia,” said Thomas G. Morr, president and CEO of Select Greater Philadelphia. “The wide variety of products and services provided by each organization demonstrates the diversity of this region’s economy – a key factor in the success of our area.”

Select Greater Philadelphia is pleased to report that nine out of thirteen companies have allowed us to publicly release their names. Companies not included have requested that their names remain confidential.

- **Delta Phi Epsilon**, an international sorority with 45,000 members and with both undergraduate and alumnae chapters throughout the United States and Canada, is locating its national headquarters in the region.
- **Ethnics Furniture** is a unique shop which houses a collection of handcrafted teak and mahogany furniture and accessories imported directly from the islands of Indonesia.
- **Gahagan & Bryant** is the largest firm in the US specializing in dredging engineering, hydrographic surveys, and subsurface investigations and has provided consulting engineering services from concept to completion for dredging of port development, land reclamation and coastal engineering projects, since 1975. It is locating a regional office in Greater Philadelphia.
- **Medical Students for Choice** is an internationally known non-profit organization with a network of over 10,000 medical students and residents around the United States and Canada. It is locating its national headquarters in the region.
- **MetroPCS Communications, Inc.** is a provider of wireless communications services that has located an office in the Greater Philadelphia region. It has more than 3 million subscribers nationwide and offers customers flat rate plans with unlimited anytime local and domestic long distance minutes with no signed contract.



- **The Mutual Fund Store** is an independent fee-based investment advisory business with 54 locations in 46 cities across the United States, including two recently located in the Greater Philadelphia. It is one of the nation's first fee-based investment advisory firms to focus exclusively on mutual funds.
- **Simeone Automotive Foundation** is an exhibition of sports cars, historical center and driver training for youngsters.
- **SOCOM** is a resin manufacturer, based in France, which is dedicated to the creation, production, packaging, marketing and sales of chemical based adhesive systems, for the building industry in private label. It is locating its U.S. headquarters in the region.
- **The Susquehanna Association for the Blind & Vision Impaired (SABVI)** is an organization dedicated to restoring autonomy and independence to the lives of county residents who are blind or vision impaired by creating and offering employment opportunities. SABVI is opening a regional office in Greater Philadelphia, which will include a light manufacturing facility.

"Delta Phi Epsilon chose the Greater Philadelphia region because it is easily accessible to our entire membership in the United States and Canada - and simply because we've always enjoyed doing business here," said Donna Von Bruening, International President, Delta Phi Epsilon. "A number of different regional organizations, including Select Greater Philadelphia, worked together to make our move to Greater Philadelphia an easy one."

Select Greater Philadelphia's (Select) works in partnership with 11-county economic development organizations to assist and influence companies to locate in the region. These include New Castle County in Delaware; Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Mercer and Salem Counties in New Jersey; and Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania.

Select's exact role in each company's move to the Greater Philadelphia region varies. However, in addition to its role in attracting business to this region, Select offers all clients a single source providing customized information and resources to meet business specific requirements. Services include providing accurate data about the Greater Philadelphia region, connecting companies to service providers, facilitating site and incentive analysis and acting as a liaison between company representatives and economic developers in this tri-state area (Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania). Since its inception, Select has provided information and assistance to over 200 companies as they consider establishing a Greater Philadelphia location. For more information on services, please visit: <http://www.selectgreaterphiladelphia.com/select/select.cfm>

About Select Greater Philadelphia

An affiliate of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Select Greater Philadelphia is an economic development 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 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 northern Delaware, southern New Jersey and southeastern Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.selectgreaterphiladelphia.com.