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Greater Akron Chamber Announces New Member Benefit Programs

The Greater Akron Chamber is rolling out four new benefit programs that will enhance its members' ability to save money through their Chamber membership. The new benefit programs will offer discounts on Electric (generation), Natural Gas, Payroll Services and Transportation & Logistics Services.

"By leveraging the buying power of 1,800 member companies, we were able to negotiate significant savings for companies in the Greater Akron region," commented Daniel C. Colantone, President & CEO of the Greater Akron Chamber. "By helping small- and mid-sized companies save money, they are able to keep more money in their businesses, which over the long-term, will help to add jobs right here in our local economy."

The Chamber issued Request for Proposals in late 2010, and vetted proposals through its benefits committee, comprised of members of the Chamber's Small Business Council.

Chamber Energy Solutions, administered by Palmer Energy, will offer members and their employees discounts on electric generation and natural gas for both commercial and residential accounts. "We chose Palmer Energy to administer our energy savings programs based on Palmer's history of providing comprehensive energy savings programs to the Toledo Chamber and other groups in Northern Ohio, as well as for their experience in working with our local utility companies," said Chad Hamman, Vice President of Membership.

Paytime Payroll Processing will offer discounts on payroll check processing for Chamber members. "Paytime is providing an easy-to-use approach for our members to utilize their payroll processing services," Hamman commented.

InterChez Logistics Systems has been selected to provide discounts on transportation and logistics services. Hamman stated, "We selected InterChez because they offered discounts on a wide range of services for our members, from small package delivery to Less-than-Truckload and international shipping."

These new benefits enhance the Chamber's current money-saving benefits including SummaCare and Worker's Compensation. Companies who want to participate can find out more at www.greaterakronchamber.org and/or contact Chad Hamman at (330) 237-1247.

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