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Greater Akron Chamber is Pleased to Announce the
2010 Local Elected Officials Recognition Award Honorees

The vitality of the Greater Akron Region is dependent on the vision and collaboration of our local officials. Each year, the Greater Akron Chamber recognizes local elected officials from Medina, Portage and Summit Counties for their commitment to economic development and community improvement.

The Chamber is pleased to announce the 2010 Local Elected Officials Recognition Award honorees are: Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic of City of Akron and County Executive Russell M. Pry from Summit County; County Commissioner Stephen Hambley of Medina County; and County Engineer Michael Marozzi of Portage County.

City of Akron Mayor Donald Plusquellic and Summit County Executive Russell Pry have been collaborating to improve the community. Their coordinated efforts enabled Goodyear Tire & Rubber and Bridgestone to reinvest in the community for continued economic growth. They also worked together to consolidate the city and county building and health departments, providing for greater efficiency to serve citizens. In addition, they both supported the formation and growth of the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron, a partnership of Akron Children's Hospital, Akron General Medical Center, Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine and Pharmacy, Summa Health System and The University of Akron.

Medina County Commissioner Stephen Hambley has been serving the residents of Medina County as Commissioner since 1996. He has been a champion for the establishment of a county-wide broadband fiber optic loop, The University of Akron Medina County University Center and regional transportation through his leadership with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency.

Engineer Michael Marozzi of Portage County has served for many years working to maintain roads, bridges and highways for the efficient transportation of goods and people. He was recently able to capitalize on federal stimulus money to complete several projects in the County including the Crain Avenue Bridge.

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The above honorees will be recognized at the seventh annual Local Elected Officials Recognition Award Luncheon on Friday, December 10, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Fairlawn Country Club. Please call the Greater Akron Chamber at (330)376-5550 or visit www.greaterakronchamber.org to register to attend and for more information.

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The mission of the Greater Akron Chamber is to drive economic development and prosperity for the people of the Greater Akron Region.