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**Connecticut Economic Resource Center's Board Elects Two New Members**

**Rocky Hill (September 28, 2006)** – The Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC) today announced the appointment of two new members to its board: Frank J. Marco, a partner in the law firm Wiggin & Dana's New Haven office; and Arthur House, managing director, public affairs at Webster Bank. The new members are filling seats left vacant by Noel Hanf of Wiggin & Dana and Jeff Brown of Webster Bank.

Frank Marco is a partner in Wiggin & Dana's New Haven office and head of the private equity and emerging companies practice group in the business practice department. He has over 30 years of experience in corporate, finance and securities law. Marco received Connecticut Innovations' Distinguished Service Award for being a driving force in the growth of high technology in Connecticut. He is a member of the Executive Committees of the boards of the Connecticut Venture Group, the Connecticut Technology Council (CTC), and Connecticut United for Research Excellence (CURE), and is a member of the Technology Transfer Advisory Board of the Governor's Competitiveness Council.

Marco commented, "There are massive dynamic forces impacting the Connecticut economy, including world-wide economic and competitive trends. CERC is a leader in the understanding of these trends and related public policy issues. I am delighted to be a part of their work."

Arthur House directs Webster Bank's work in public issues, external and internal communications; board of directors and corporate events and sponsorships; government relations and political action committee and trade organizations. Previously House held positions in the academic world, at the National Security Council, on the staff of the U.S. Senate and with CIGNA, Aetna and Tenneco Corporations where he worked in corporate strategy, communications and international relations.

"Connecticut faces serious challenges in its effort to be competitive in the coming years; I look forward to working with CERC to help frame the questions and policy options the state faces," said House.

CERC President and CEO Marty Hunt added, "The addition of Frank Marco and Arthur House to the CERC board is a complement to the outstanding members already serving. Both are leaders in the Connecticut business community and their expertise will greatly benefit CERC moving forward."

CERC is a nonprofit company funded by 10 of the state's utility and telecommunications companies in partnership with state government. With a mission of promoting Connecticut as a competitive business location, CERC specializes in economic development, research and marketing for local, regional, state and utility economic development entities. Visit [www.cerc.com](http://www.cerc.com) for more info.

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