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## 2006 Connecticut Family Business Finalists Announced

**Storrs, CT (10/23/2006)** – The University of Connecticut Family Business Program is pleased to announce this year's finalists in the 2006 Connecticut Family Business of the Year Awards Celebration. The Connecticut Family Business of the Year Award is a prestigious way to recognize and honor those family businesses that embody core family values and the best of American free enterprise. Nine finalists will be honored at a ceremony on Thursday, November 16th 2006.

The Connecticut Family Business of the Year Awards celebration recognizes successful family firms in Connecticut. Winners are chosen by a panel of judges with placements announced on the evening of the awards ceremony. Finalists are evaluated based on business success, positive family and business linkage, multi-generational family involvement, dynamic contributions to community and industry, and innovative business practices or strategies. This year's honorees include:

- Ancona Market, Inc.; Ridgefield
- Ebner Camps, Inc.; Torrington
- Harvey & Lewis Opticians; Hartford
- HPC Foodservice; South Windsor
- Hubbard–Hall Inc.; Waterbury
- Laticrete International, Inc.; Bethany
- OEM Controls, Inc.; Shelton
- Reynolds' Garage and Marine, Inc; Lyme
- William Raveis Real Estate & Home Services, Inc.; Southport



People's Bank of Bridgeport and Reid & Riege, PC of Hartford will also be honored for their firms' longstanding excellence in counsel and service to Connecticut's family business community.

Mr. John C. "Jack" Moore, 4th Generation and Former Director at Benjamin Moore & Co will present the evening's keynote address. A strong promoter of strategic planning, philanthropy and change, Mr. Moore served on the Board of Directors of Benjamin Moore & Co., a manufacturer of architectural and industrial maintenance coatings with annual revenues of over \$800 million, from April 1994 to December 2000. He served on the board's Audit Committee, Pension Oversight Committee, and Ad-Hoc Committee for Strategic Planning. Founded in 1883 and owned primarily by family and employees, Mr. Moore advocated for extensive modernization of the company's operations. In December 2000, the Company was acquired in an all-cash transaction by Berkshire Hathaway. Mr. Moore now serves as a Manager of the Frank W. Moore, LLC, a family investment company created after sale of the Company and is currently Advisor for the Family Business Initiative, sponsored by the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD). He led the start-up and operation of the NACD's Capital Area Chapter and has coached NACD chapter leaders throughout the country. Mr. Moore's insight and wisdom serve as an inspiration to academicians, students, executives and entrepreneurs around the globe.

Since 1995, the UConn Family Business Program has been dedicated to enhancing the success of businesses, families and individuals by providing unparalleled resources and opportunities for collaboration. Our goal has been to help family businesses develop strategies and policies that will serve to perpetuate family ownership while helping them make significant advances in functions related to business strategy, increased complexity, organizational structure, management practices, diligence and succession planning.

The 2006 Connecticut Family Business of the Year Awards Celebration will be held at the University of Connecticut's Lewis B. Rome Ballroom on the Storrs campus with a reception beginning at 6 p.m. and dinner following. Tickets are \$100 per person and tables of 10 are available for \$900. To attend or request more information, contact Priscilla Cale at (860) 486-5628 or e-mail

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