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NEW BUSINESS GROUP TO PROMOTE HIGH TECH SERVICES

HARTFORD, CT - Businesses and companies now have an advocate for promoting internet services and products to spur new economic growth in Connecticut.

This week, Connecticut based Internet Service Providers have formed their own non-profit business association to promote the development of internet and other online services as a business and the common business interests of those engaged in the industry.

The organization will represent its members' interests before the Connecticut state Legislature and state agencies and will work to foster the use of the internet by the public, including support for telecommunications in schools, libraries, government and the workforce.

“The ability of Connecticut companies to grow and be globally competitive requires cutting edge information technology,” said Andrew Lindh, president of CTISPA’s board of directors. “Working with our fellow internet companies, government and companies that need our product, we can build an even stronger economy here in Connecticut.”

Lindh was joined on the board with Kenneth A. Reiss as Vice President, Randy Sigman as Treasurer and Mary Yokose as Secretary. Mr. Lindh serves as the president of NETPLEX in Hartford, Mr. Reiss serves at the President and Ms. Yokose serves as the Executive Vice-President of PortOne Internet, Inc. in Manchester and Mr. Sigman is the President of Paradigm Communications, Inc./PCNet in Hartford. Messrs. Lindh, Reiss and Sigman serve on the Board of Directors of CTISPA along with Christopher Anatra, President of Cybershore, Inc. in Madison and Evan Katz, President of DiscoverNet, Inc. of Stamford.

Other members of the CTISPA include IMC Internet in Wallingford, Connecticut, Recol Internet in New Haven, Connecticut and 99 Main Internet Services in Norwich, Connecticut.

Brad N. Mondschein, an attorney at the Hartford law firm of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C. was appointed as CTISPA's Executive Director and the firm was retained to act as the association's counsel.