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Beacon Council's Holly Wiedman Elected to CoreNet Global Board
Economic Development Executive Adds Dimension to Industry Leadership

ATLANTA (19 July 2006) – CoreNet Global, the world's leading professional association for corporate real estate and workplace executives, today announced the election of **Holly E. Wiedman** to its Board of Directors, according to CEO **Prentice Knight**. Wiedman will serve the remaining two years of **Peter Holland's** term. Holland was recently named Chief Operating Officer of CoreNet Global and resigned from the board following the move.

Wiedman is Executive Vice President of the **Beacon Council**, Miami-Dade County's economic development partnership. The group has completed over 350 projects, which will create more than 28,000 new direct jobs and more than \$1.8 billion in new capital investment within Miami-Dade County since Wiedman assumed her executive leadership position there in 1996.

"Holly has more than 25 years of executive management experience in economic development, which represents an important part of the CoreNet Global network consisting of corporate asset managers, commercial real estate service providers and economic developers worldwide," Knight stated. "These parts combine to make CoreNet Global the world's only group to convene the entire corporate real estate industry, and Holly's addition to our board will strengthen the diversity of our organization and its leadership."

Knight added that Wiedman's international perspective as seen through the Beacon Council's "Business Gateway of the Americas" initiative – as well as her work recruiting and retaining leading global companies in South Florida – will bring another important point of view to the association's board. The council's "Local Business Local Jobs" program launched with the announcements of both Ryder System and Burger King headquarters expansions was recognized in 2005 as a finalist for CoreNet Global's prestigious Economic Development Leadership Award. Her career accomplishments also include retention of major facilities for Owens Corning and Jeep in Toledo, Ohio.

"The economic development perspective is critical to CoreNet Global's overall focus because location decisions by major companies are increasingly linked to corporate business strategies," Wiedman noted. "My new leadership responsibilities within CoreNet Global offer the opportunity to promote the strategic role that economic developers perform for many of the world's leading corporations in informing and supporting their key location decisions."

In addition to her new engagement on the CoreNet Global Board, Wiedman also serves on the boards of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), South Florida Workforce, iCoast and Enterprise Florida Stakeholders Council.

Wiedman, who holds an MBA from the University of Miami, received the State of Florida's highest lifetime achievement award, The Eunice Sullivan Economic Development Professional of the Year, from the Florida Economic Development Council, and also received an International Leadership Award from Miami World Trade Center.

CoreNet Global members manage US \$1.2 trillion in worldwide corporate assets consisting of owned and leased office, industrial and other space. With 7,500 members representing large corporations around the world, CoreNet Global (www.corenetglobal.org) operates in five global regions: Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America and North America, including Canada.

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