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California/Western States Chapter Named Chapter of the Year by The ESOP Association

May 6, 2009 (Washington, DC) – The California/Western States Chapter of The ESOP Association has been named the 2009 ESOP Chapter of the Year by the Association. The award was presented at the Association’s 32nd Annual Conference in Washington, DC. The ESOP Association is the national trade association for companies with employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs) and the leading voice in America for employee ownership.

The California/Western States Chapter was selected from 18 Association Chapters across the United States for this honor. The Chapter includes Association members in California, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, and Utah.

“The California/Western States Chapter has set attendance records for all its meetings in 2008 and has a positive membership development record,” said J. Michael Keeling, president of The ESOP Association. “The Chapter and its leaders are working to implement a government relations outreach program to members of Congress and are providing exceptional value to Association members in those states. We are proud to honor the Chapter with this award.”

The core cause of The ESOP Association is the belief that employee ownership will improve American competitiveness, increase productivity through greater employee participation, and strengthen our free enterprise economy.

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