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EDITORS: The following information is for immediate release. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Grigalonis, COO of the Chester County Economic Development Council, at 610 458-5700.

Chester County Economic Development Council promotes Tim Connor to Senior Director

Connor is responsible for maintaining strong corporate relations

EXTON _ Tim Connor has been promoted to Senior Director of the Chester County Economic Development Council.

“Tim is a business professional who has the trust of the Chester County business community,” said Gary Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Council. “His work as director of business development has been excellent and he deserves this promotion.”

Connor, who has worked for the Economic Development Council for five years, will be in charge of developing and maintaining strong corporate support for the Economic Development Council. Also, he will administer the Business Retention and Expansion Program for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and works closely with the Governor’s Action Team for business attraction, retention and expansion projects.

Connor also helps companies utilize the many different non-conventional, low-interest and long-term financing programs that the Economic Development Council offers to the regional business community.

A graduate of Penn State University, Connor is co-chair of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s Light the Night Walk and he is a member of the Board of the Chester County Keystone Innovation Zone.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for more than 45 years. The Council’s portfolio of business growth services includes: low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its brand new facility in Eagleview. For more information, see www.cceconomicdevelopment.com.