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EDITORS: The following information is for immediate release. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Silver, Program Manager for the Smart Energy Initiative at the Chester County Economic Development Council, at 610 458-5700.

Chester County Economic Development Council's Smart Energy Initiative of Southeastern PA hosts workshop on the new Federal Energy Act
Event takes place on February 1 at 8:00 a.m.

EXTON _ The Smart Energy Initiative of Southeastern PA, a program of The Chester County Economic Development Council, is hosting a workshop on the federal Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Tom Tuffey of PennFuture will present.

There is no charge for the event but reservations are required because of limited seating. The two-hour program begins at 8:00 a.m. To register, contact holmes@cceconomicdevelopment.com. The Chester County Economic Development Council is located at 737 Constitution Avenue, Exton.

The program is sponsored by the Smart Energy Initiative of Southeastern PA in collaboration with PennFuture, the Workforce Investment Boards of the five SEPA counties, The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Ben Franklin Technology Partners of SEPA, The Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center, the Sustainable Development Fund, and PA CareerLink.

The seminar will focus on Southeastern PA business opportunities and challenges arising from the new federal legislation. The seminar will also be given in Philadelphia on January 29 at the DVRIC and on February 6 at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

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 40 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 Eaglevew. For more information, see www.cceconomicdevelopment.com