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Financial Industry Conference to Attract 600 Bankers, Private Investment Firms and Dealmakers to Cleveland

Inaugural two-day Great Lakes Capital Connection is a collaboration of ACG chapters in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Detroit, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh

CLEVELAND — August 4, 2009 — ACG Cleveland, the local chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth, will host the inaugural Great Lakes Capital Connection Conference Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009 and Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009 in Cleveland. The conference will bring together private equity firms, investment bankers, financing sources, and other middle-market dealmakers from around the country to network, discuss deals and hear about the latest trends.

The two-day conference will feature a four-hour DealSource gathering and a four-hour Capital Connection session, along with educational programs and panel discussions. Political strategists and commentators James Carville and Mary Matalin will deliver keynote addresses on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009.

The conference, which is a collaboration among the Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh ACG Chapters, will be held at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel with events at Cleveland Browns Stadium and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The cost to attend is \$290 for ACG members and \$400 for non-members. More information and registration are available at www.acg-glcc.org.

“ACG Capital Connection events have proven very popular with dealmakers in other parts of the country,” said James Marra of Blue Point Capital Partners, past president of ACG Cleveland and the event chairman. “We are excited to bring the Capital Connection format to Cleveland, the center of a region rich in deal flow, and are encouraged by the strong response to date. The 80 slots we have for private equity firms are almost sold out, and we are hoping for upwards of 600 attendees.”

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ACG Cleveland has more than 400 members and is the fifth largest ACG chapter in the world. For more information, visit <http://www.acgcleveland.org/>.

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