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DETROIT RENAISSANCE ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

DETROIT, Mich., August 29, 2008 – Detroit Renaissance, a private, non-profit leadership organization dedicated to accelerating the region’s economic growth, announced today the addition of six new members to its board of directors.

“Each of these new members brings excellent expertise and perspective to our organization.” said Doug Rothwell, president, Detroit Renaissance. “They are each respected for their leadership and achievements and will be significant voices in our efforts to improve the region’s competitiveness and transform its economy.”

The newly approved board members are:

- Thomas Amato, chairman & CEO of Metaldyne Corporation
- Michael G. Nefkens, vice president of EDS
- William Griffiths, chairman, president & CEO of Champion Enterprises
- Ronald Hall, president & CEO of Bridgewater Interiors
- Leslie A. Murphy, president & CEO of Murphy Consulting, Inc (Ex-Officio)
- Dr. Jay Noren, president of Wayne State University (replacing Dr. Irvin Reid)

This distinguished line-up joins a long list of respected business and university leaders. Over the past two years, Detroit Renaissance has grown by over 30% and increased the regional representation of its board membership by 76%. For a full list of Detroit Renaissance’s board of directors, visit <http://www.detroitrenaissance.com/about-us/board>.

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About Detroit Renaissance:

Detroit Renaissance provides leadership to accelerate the economic transformation of Detroit and Southeast Michigan. Renaissance accomplishes this work through serving as a catalyst to develop growth strategies, advocating for those strategies and championing specific initiatives that accelerate growth. A 501(c)(3) organization that was formed in 1970, Detroit Renaissance includes the chief executive officers of the region's most significant employers and universities. For more information, visit www.detroitrenaissance.com.

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