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**Middle-Market Companies Recognized
for Value Creation in Northeast Ohio**

May 27, 2009 – Ninety-six Northeast Ohio-based companies were recognized with the Crain’s Leading EDGE Award for value creation by The Entrepreneurs EDGE at Kent State University on May 20. In its third year, this prestigious award was created and developed by The Entrepreneurs EDGE to recognize value-creating middle-market companies in the region. Recognized companies operate within the 17 counties of Northeast Ohio and generate revenues up to \$750 million, a portion required to be outside the region.

Top companies were identified based on their EBIT (earnings before interest and taxes) added to taxable employee compensation, a calculation used to determine the value nominated companies contribute to the region.

“These companies play a major role in our regional economy in many ways,” said D. Kirk Neiswander, president of The Entrepreneurs EDGE. “For example, in 2008, 50 of these companies spun off 25 new businesses. Forty-eight companies averaged two new services which contributed about 9% of revenue. Fifty-three companies averaged two new process improvements that saved them an average of \$341,000.

“The impact of these middle-market companies extends to the vendors that they purchase from,” Neiswander continued. “Each company spends on average \$4.0 million with local vendors. “Imagine the collective impact of over 2000 of these types of companies in our Northeast Ohio area!

“One of the benefits of participating in this process,” Neiswander added, “is that valuable benchmarking data are collected and can be shared with honored companies in a way that does not disclose one company’s data to another. These data, based on average, median and range, segmented by industry, size, or location, can allow companies to evaluate their performance to help make strategic management decisions.”

The event was sponsored by Crain’s Cleveland Business, Glenmede and Meaden & Moore. Additionally, this initiative is being backed by nine universities, economic development and business support organizations.

The Entrepreneurs EDGE, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, provides services, programs, education, civic and networking opportunities to mid-market companies in Northeast Ohio to help them grow in value.

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NOTE: A list of honored companies by county follows.

2009 Leading EDGE Award Winning Companies		
Challenge Fastener, Inc.	Ashland	Ashland
Plasticolors, Inc.	Ashtabula	Ashtabula
Galion LLC	Galion	Crawford
Antares Management Solutions	Strongsville	Cuyahoga
AVID Technologies, Inc.	Twinsburg	Cuyahoga
BrandMuscle, Inc.	Beachwood	Cuyahoga
Cardinal Fastener and Specialty Co., Inc.	Bedford Heights	Cuyahoga
Chess Financial Corporation	Pepper Pike	Cuyahoga
Cleveland Medical Devices Inc.	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
ColorMatrix Group Inc.	Berea	Cuyahoga
Corporate Screening	Middleburg Hts	Cuyahoga
Corporate United	Rocky River	Cuyahoga
Cynergies Consulting Inc.	Highland Heights	Cuyahoga
Dealer Tire, LLC	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
DesignWise Construction Co., Inc.	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
DigiKnow, Inc.	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
Exential LLC	Brecksville	Cuyahoga
Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America	Broadview Hts	Cuyahoga
Garick Corporation	Garfield Heights	Cuyahoga
Garland Industries Inc.	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
Hartland & Co.	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
ICI Metals, Inc.	Strongsville	Cuyahoga
Innovative Process Administration, LLC	Brecksville	Cuyahoga
Jergens Inc.	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
Lazorpoint	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
LOGOS Communications, Inc.	Westlake	Cuyahoga
Mayfran International, Inc.	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
Morrison Products, Inc.	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
murTech Consulting, LLC	Independence	Cuyahoga
Orbital Research Inc.	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
Power Direct	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
Pressco Technology Inc.	Solon	Cuyahoga
Proforma	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
Roscoe Medical, Inc.	Strongsville	Cuyahoga
Rosetta	Beachwood	Cuyahoga
Safeguard Properties	Valley View	Cuyahoga
SageQuest	Solon	Cuyahoga
SIFCO Forge Group	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
Stanek Windows Corporation	Cuyahoga Hts	Cuyahoga
State Industrial Products	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
Talan Products, Inc.	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
The Brewer-Garrett Company	Middleburg Hts	Cuyahoga
The CSC Group	Strongsville	Cuyahoga
The Shamrock Companies	Westlake	Cuyahoga
TMW Systems, Inc.	Beachwood	Cuyahoga
Tradex International Inc.	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
TREK Diagnostic Systems	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
Tuthill Coupling Group	Berea	Cuyahoga
Vacuum Systems International, Inc.	Cleveland	Cuyahoga

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Valtronic Technologies	Solon	Cuyahoga
Vocon	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
Welch Packaging Cleveland, Inc.	Valley View	Cuyahoga
World Shipping, Inc.	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
Zaclon LLC	Cleveland	Cuyahoga
Zircoa, Inc.	Solon	Cuyahoga
Duramax Marine, LLC	Hiram	Geauga
Fairmount Minerals	Chardon	Geauga
Park Place International	Chagrin Falls	Geauga
Bowden Manufacturing Corporation	Willoughby	Lake
Cres Cor	Mentor	Lake
Fredon Corporation	Mentor	Lake
Libra Industries, Inc.	Mentor	Lake
Sheet Metal Products Company, Inc.	Mentor	Lake
WRG Services Inc.	Willoughby	Lake
Beckett Gas, Inc.	North Ridgeville	Lorain
CMS	Avon	Lorain
Inservco, Inc.	LaGrange	Lorain
JBC Technologies, Inc.	North Ridgeville	Lorain
Watteredge, Inc.	Avon Lake	Lorain
Turning Technologies, LLC	Youngstown	Mahoning
EBO Group Inc.	Sharon Center	Medina
Falcon Industries, Inc.	Medina	Medina
Fire-Dex, LLC	Medina	Medina
Partners in Plastics, Inc.	Sharon Center	Medina
FeneTech, Inc.	Aurora	Portage
PartsSource	Aurora	Portage
The Davey Tree Expert Company	Kent	Portage
Rable Machine, Inc.	Mansfield	Richland
Midwest Industrial Supply, Inc.	Canton	Stark
Shearer's Foods, Inc.	Brewster	Stark
Smart Solutions, Inc.	Canton	Stark
Maxim Enterprises Inc.	North Canton	Stark
AESCO Electronics	Akron	Summit
Applied Vision Corporation	Cuyahoga Falls	Summit
AtNetPlus, Inc.	Stow	Summit
ComDoc, Inc.	Uniontown	Summit
Famous Enterprises	Akron	Summit
Functional Products Inc.	Macedonia	Summit
InfoCision Management Corporation	Akron	Summit
Lexi-Comp, Inc.	Hudson	Summit
Main Street Gourmet	Akron	Summit
National Interstate Insurance Company	Richfield	Summit
Skycasters, LLC	Akron	Summit
WhiteSpace Creative	Akron	Summit
Zinkan Enterprises, Inc.	Twinsburg	Summit
Jarrett Logistics Systems, Inc.	Orrville	Wayne