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**Distinguished Panel to Discuss 2011 Long Island Economic Initiatives at the
HIA-LI Annual Luncheon and State of Long Island Meeting**

*Event to be Held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 from 11:30 AM – 2 PM at the
Melville Marriott, Long Island, NY*

HAUPPAUGE, NEW YORK, January 6, 2011 – HIA-LI, the recognized voice for business on Long Island, will host a panel of distinguished state and local elected officials to discuss the state of the Long Island business economy during the organization's Business Luncheon and Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM at the Melville Marriott. Tickets are available at www.hia-li.org or by calling 631-543-5355.

"In the current economic environment, Long Island business owners are very interested to hear from experts about the business impact of decisions from Albany and Washington," said Terri Alessi-Miceli, President of HIA-LI. "And with an invited panel that includes a U.S. senator, two county executives, and a number of town supervisors, we expect a full house."

The outstanding list of invited panelists includes U.S. Senator Charles "Chuck" Schumer, Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, and Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano, Suffolk County Legislator John Kennedy, Jr., Babylon Town Supervisor, Steve Bellone, Islip Town Supervisor, Phil Nolan, Huntington Town Supervisor, Frank Petrone, Brookhaven Town Supervisor, Mark Lesko, Smithtown Town Supervisor, Patrick Vecchio, and Suffolk County Commissioner of Economic Development and Workforce Housing, Yves Michel. The panel will be moderated by Jack Kulka, CEO of Kulka Construction, one of the founding members of HIA-LI, its first president and a lifetime board member.

The roster of event sponsors includes: The Alternative Board, Communication Strategy Group, H2M, Irwin Contracting Inc., People's Alliance Federal Credit Union, SUNY Stony Brook, TD Bank, Stalco Construction, and Verizon.

Registration and pre-payment are required to guarantee seating. Please contact Terri Alessi-Miceli at 631-543-5355, talessi@hia-li.org, or visit www.hia-li.org.

About HIA-LI

HIA-LI helps Long Island businesses prosper. For over 30 years, we have been the recognized voice for business on Long Island and a powerful force and economic engine for regional development. We provide a forum for business leaders to network, problem solve and obtain advice on critical issues facing their businesses. Our member companies represent tens of thousands of business professionals. We're headquartered in and support one of the largest industrial parks in the United States. HIA-LI programs and events promote strategic partnerships, targeted networking, and information sharing and business advocacy. Members benefit from our committees, educational programs, career resources, research capabilities, mentoring opportunities and business advisory services. For more information, visit <http://www.hia-li.org> or call 631-543-5355.

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