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### **GLI Designated as Chamber of the Year**

Award presented by ACCE for top income performance and community impact

Greater Louisville Inc. – The Metro Chamber of Commerce (GLI) has won the prestigious “Chamber of the Year” distinction from the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE). The Chamber of the Year is the nation’s only award which recognizes the dual role of chambers in leading both businesses and communities. The designation recognizes not only GLI’s organizational strength, financial growth and membership development, but also the demonstrable impact the organization makes on key community priorities such as economic opportunities, education and cultural vitality.

GLI was one of four chambers recognized as “Chamber of the Year” during ACCE’s Annual Awards Gala on Saturday, August 4, 2007, during the association’s annual convention, held this year in Sacramento, Calif. GLI qualified as one of three finalists in its category (over \$1 million dues income level).

"This is an extraordinary honor for GLI and we appreciate our peers again recognizing the work we do as outstanding in our profession," said Joe Reagan, GLI President and CEO. "We are fortunate to have a dedicated, professional team of leaders at GLI as well as the tremendous support and involvement of our Board, members and volunteers."

Four GLI staff members attended the conference in Sacramento and were on hand to accept the Chamber of the Year award, as well as several others presented to GLI, at Friday night’s festivities.

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“Being named a ‘Chamber of the Year’ is a testament to new and expanded role chambers play in strengthening the economic vitality of their communities,” said 2006-07 ACCE Chairman Mark V’Soske, CAE, president and CEO of the Toledo (OH) Regional Chamber of Commerce. “We salute these chambers who are leaders in helping their member businesses to grow and their communities to succeed.”

### **About the Chamber of the Year Award process**

The process to qualify, apply and win the Chamber of the Year award involves a multi-stage process. During all stages chambers will compete amongst peers from similar dues income levels: under \$200,000, \$200,000 - \$499,000, \$500,000 - \$1 million, and over \$1 million dollars. One hundred five chambers from across the United States qualified to enter the Chamber of the Year competition by meeting or beating the national average or median for their dues income level in four of these seven points: net income, current ratio, net assets, net assets as a percentage of annual expenses, net gain in membership sales dollars, retained members dollars, retained member accounts.

### **About ACCE**

Established in 1914, ACCE is the only national association serving the professional development needs of chamber professionals throughout the United States and Canada. Representing more than 7,000 individuals, ACCE enhances the knowledge, leadership skills, and management effectiveness of chamber executives and their staff through education, benefits programs, trend analysis, benchmarking, and network development. ACCE supports and develops chamber professionals to lead businesses and their communities.

### **About Greater Louisville Inc. – The Metro Chamber of Commerce**

GLI is a member-based organization that also serves as the primary economic development agency for the Greater Louisville (Ky.) region with the mission of providing leadership on initiatives that impact the success of members and contribute to the prosperity of the entire community. Additional information is available online at [www.GreaterLouisville.com](http://www.GreaterLouisville.com).

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