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Team Clean Becomes a Member of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Supplier Network

Philadelphia, PA – January 7, 2009 – **Team Clean**, a leading provider of janitorial services in the Philadelphia region, recently completed the *Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce's (GPCC) Supplier Network* series, the eleventh installment of the series, which was held at the Chamber offices. Joe Mahoney, Executive Vice President, *GPCC*, and Sean P. Fitzgerald, Business Banking Officer, *Citizens Bank*, lead sponsor of the *Supplier Network*, presented **Team Clean's** founder and President, Donna Allie, with a certificate of completion, which indicates that **Team Clean** has enhanced its qualifications to compete for major contracts.



"Becoming a member of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Supplier Network is another milestone in the growth of Team Clean, a business which has always been dedicated to providing outstanding service and outstanding employment opportunities in the Philadelphia region," said Allie.

Team Clean, along with other *Supplier Network* participants, was coached by the purchasing agents of large regional companies and organizations on key techniques and skills to qualify as vendors for larger firms and government agencies. The *Supplier Network* curriculum was developed by procurement officers and addressed the challenges small businesses, like **Team Clean**, face in expanding their business opportunities. By completing the series, **Team Clean** is signaling to the region's larger companies that it is seeking to bid for contractual services and has the talent and skills necessary to be a successful vendor.

"Small businesses are the very engine of our regional economy," said Mark Schweiker, President and CEO, *GPCC*. "Strengthening our small business community benefits the Philadelphia region as a whole. We are proud that companies like **Team Clean** have completed the *Supplier Network* series and earned their certificate, thereby enhancing their potential to bid successfully for increased business. We are confident the *Supplier Network* series will result in new opportunities for small businesses to grow and expand in our area."

The *Supplier Network* covers topics such as financing and planning for growth, business assessment and development, and managing growth. Now, **Team Clean** will be assisted by the *Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce* in promoting its qualifications to the business community through the *Chamber's Supplier Network* web site. In addition, **Team Clean** has access to procurement resources as continuing support for building their business by representatives from the *Small Business Administration, SCORE counselors, Philadelphia's Mayor's Business Action Team, the Small Business Development Center, the Enterprise Center, the Minority Supplier Development Council of PA-NJ-DE, and the Women's Business Development Center.*

The companies and agencies which supported the *Supplier Network* include: *ACE INA; Aqua Pennsylvania; AstraZeneca; Boeing; CIGNA; City of Philadelphia; Citizens Bank; Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.; Community College of Philadelphia; The Day & Zimmerman Group; Delaware River Port Authority; DuPont Marshall Laboratory; Independence Blue Cross; IMS Health; Johnson & Johnson; Lockheed Martin Integrated Systems & Solutions; Mayor's Business Action Team; Merck; Motorola; PECO, An Exelon Company; Pepco Holdings; Philadelphia Housing Authority; The School District of Philadelphia; Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc.; Tasty Baking Company; Unisys Corporation; UPS; The Vanguard Group and Verizon Pennsylvania.*

Team Clean is a leading provider of janitorial services in the Philadelphia region. The company serves a variety of clients in government, education, industry, professional offices, sports and entertainment venues and events. Active in the Philadelphia community with a variety of social and economic programs, Team Clean has been ranked as the top Minority-Owned Business in Philadelphia for the past two years by the *Philadelphia Business Journal*. Additional information is available at <http://www.team-clean.com>.

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