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**LARRY SHARP TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE
INLAND EMPIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**

INLAND EMPIRE, CA (January 9, 2007) – The Inland Empire Economic Partnership has named **Larry R. Sharp** as its Chairman for 2007. He will officially take the helm at the Partnership’s February 1st Annual Presentation Dinner, which will be held at the Riverside Convention Center. Mr. Sharp steps in to replace outgoing Chairman Buck Long, President of Harpure Enterprises, Inc. “Having someone of Larry’s credibility and stature in the Inland Empire business community to lead the IEEP at this critical time is an opportunity of tremendous importance,” remarked Bill Carney, IEEP President & CEO.



Mr. Sharp is currently President and CEO of Arrowhead Credit Union and has been with the company since 1982 when the assets were at \$58 million. Arrowhead Credit Union currently has assets of over \$1 billion and serves over 154,000 members in California’s San Bernardino and Riverside Counties through its 26 offices. Under Mr. Sharp’s leadership he has helped to build the business sixteen times what it was when he joined the organization.

Mr. Sharp is the past Chairman of Inland Action. He has twice served as Corporate Recruitment Chairman for the Walk for the Cure for the Inland Empire Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. He served three terms as a member of the Board of Trustees of the San Bernardino County Employees Retirement Association (SBCERA), a position he was appointed to by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

The San Bernardino County Sun named Mr. Sharp as Business Leader of the Year in 2000 for his achievements, contributions and dedication to the community. He is currently serving on the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Foundation Board as its Chairman. He also serves as an advisor on the California State University of San Bernardino Board.

About IEEP

Inland Empire Economic Partnership is a not-for-profit economic development organization serving the two-county region. In addition to its mission to enhance business investment and employment in the Inland Empire, IEEP provides technical assistance to entrepreneurs through its Small Business Development Center and operates the Inland Empire Film Commission.

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