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**INLAND EMPIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP  
NAMES TWO TO NEW POSTS**

**RIVERSIDE, CA (July 7, 2009)** – Riverside, CA The Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP) board of directors has selected Dan Rendler to serve as IEEP chairman in 2010, following the three year term of Arrowhead Credit Union CEO Larry Sharp who will step down as chairman in December.



Rendler, who has served on the IEEP Executive Committee as Vice Chairman and as chairman of the organization's Government Affairs and Public Policy Committee, is Regional Director of Southern California Gas and San Diego Gas and Electric, both Sempra Energy companies. In announcing Rendler's advancement, current chairman Larry Sharp commented on Rendler's noteworthy contribution of time, energy and leadership to the continued effectiveness and success of IEEP.

Sharp also announced the selection of Vincent McCoy to serve in the newly created position of Chief Operating Officer. Along with his new duties, McCoy will continue as Director of the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center (SBDC), a position he has held since May 2002.



IEEP president and CEO Bill Carney, commenting on McCoy's promotion said, "The creation of the new position and Vincent's willingness to assume its responsibilities accomplishes three important goals. The first is to put the importance of the retention and creation of small businesses in region at the forefront of IEEP's priorities. It is small business that will create the jobs and opportunities of the future here in the Inland Empire."

The second important goal accomplished according to Carney is "the strengthening of IEEP's senior executive management team." "Vincent is a capable manager and a strategic thinker and his knowledge and skills will benefit IEEP."

The third goal accomplished Carney said is that "as Vincent shares more responsibility for the day to day management of IEEP, it will free me up to pursue more strategic tasks such as identifying new sources of funding and partnerships for IEEP."

### **About IEEP**

*The Inland Empire Economic Partnership is a not-for-profit economic development organization serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Its mission is to provide a strong and unified regional voice for the development of human, political and financial capital, which support and enhance the economic vitality and quality of life in the Inland Empire.*

### **About Inland Empire SBDC**

*The Inland Empire SBDC is a division of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership and is supported by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). For more information about the Inland Empire SBDC, call 951/781-2345.*

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