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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Seeks Award Nominations from Central Ohio Community

(Columbus – December 4, 2009) Nominations are being accepted by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for the Regional Leadership Award and the William C. Habig Collaborative Achievement Award. Nominations must be received by December 31, 2009.

The Regional Leadership Award recognizes individuals in an 12-county region (Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, Ross and Union counties) who make extraordinary efforts to ensure the future viability of central Ohio and its communities.

The William C. Habig Collaborative Achievement Award is MORPC's newest honor. The award was created in 2006 in honor of William C. Habig, who served as MORPC's executive director for 34 years. The award recognizes individuals who have achieved an effective effort and/ or innovative collaborative in central Ohio. The honoree(s) will have demonstrated success in developing a specific initiative or entity that addressed key challenges facing the region.

Elaine Roberts, President and CEO of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, received the Regional Leadership Award this year and the William C. Habig Collaborative Achievement Award was presented to the Central Ohio Public Information Network (COPIN).

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Submissions will be reviewed by MORPC's officers and executive director with a final determination to be made by the MORPC Administrative Committee. Outstanding nominees and award recipients will be recognized at MORPC's State of the Region Luncheon,. The event will take place on May 4, 2010.

The nomination form is available online at www.morpc.org. For more information contact MORPC Public Affairs Director Laura Koprowski at 614-233-4126 or e-mail Lkoprowski@morpc.org.

MORPC is a voluntary association of 47 local governments in central Ohio serving the region through planning, direct service, public policy information and innovative programming and intergovernmental coordinating services in the areas of transportation, land use, energy conservation, the environment and housing. MORPC is currently celebrating its 40th Anniversary and its efforts to build a better central Ohio region.

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