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Sixth Annual Vermont Employee Ownership Conference Announced

Burlington, Vermont (April 25, 2008) -- The Vermont Employee Ownership Center (VEOC) has announced the date and location of its Sixth Annual Vermont Employee Ownership Conference. The event will take place on Friday, June 6th, 2008, at Champlain College in Burlington. Registration information is available at www.veoc.org.

Attendees will learn about the unique benefits and challenges of employee ownership at this full-day conference packed with 14 workshops. The event is geared towards members of employee-owned companies; business owners and managers considering employee ownership; bankers, accountants, attorneys, and financial planners; government officials and staff members; economic development professionals; and anyone interested in employee participation or sustainable business models.

This year's keynote speaker is Veda Ferlazzo Clark, president and CEO of Litecontrol Corporation, a 100% employee-owned company. Ms. Clark will talk about the rights and responsibilities of employee ownership and how companies can decide what employee ownership means for them.

The workshops will be led by experts in business management, finance, and law. As in past conferences, many of the speakers hail from Vermont-based employee-owned companies, including Gardener's Supply, King Arthur Flour, Pizzagalli Construction, and Carris Reels. This year will also include several notable speakers from outside Vermont, including Rodney North of Equal Exchange, Mary Josephs of Bank of America, Peter Paquette of Claremont Flock Corp., and Veda Ferlazzo Clark of Litecontrol Corp.

About VEOC

The Vermont Employee Ownership Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and fostering employee ownership. The group's goals are to broaden capital ownership, deepen employee participation, retain local ownership of businesses and the jobs they support, increase living standards for working families, and stabilize communities. VEOC works directly with owners interested in selling their business to their employees, employee groups interested in purchasing a business, and entrepreneurs who wish to start a company with broadly-shared ownership. For more information, visit www.veoc.org.

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