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## **New In-Depth Workshop on Employee Ownership for Small Companies to be Held in Burlington on February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Burlington, Vermont (December 22, 2009)** — The Vermont Employee Ownership Center (VEOC) is offering a new intermediate-level workshop on February 17, 2010 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, 60 Main St., Burlington, VT.

“Employee Ownership for Small Companies” will focus on different models of employee ownership in companies with fewer than 20 employees. The workshop is designed for those who already have some familiarity with employee ownership and are interested in learning more. Guest speakers include attorney Steve Magowan of Steiker, Fischer, Edwards & Greenapple, and Dunbar Oehmig, founder of Red House Building.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Vermont Small Business Development Center, the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation. There is no registration fee, but advance registration is required. Attendees may register online at [www.veoc.org](http://www.veoc.org), by phone at 802-861-6611, or by email at [info@veoc.org](mailto:info@veoc.org). Refreshments will be served.

### **About the Speakers**

The workshop will feature Steve Magowan, the Burlington, Vermont principal of Steiker, Fischer, Edwards & Greenapple, P.C., a Philadelphia-based law firm with a national practice focusing principally on ESOPs and ESOP transactions and of SES Advisors, Inc., a financial consulting firm that specializes in analyzing and finding financing for ESOP transactions. Steve helped to found the VEOC in 2001 and currently serves on the VEOC’s Board of Directors.

Dunbar Oehmig is a founder and co-owner of Red House Inc., an employee-owned building and restoration company located in Burlington, Vermont. Dunbar is on the board of the Vermont Green Building Network and is also a member of the VEOC Board of Directors.

### **About the 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](http://www.veoc.org).

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