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NIRI-NY Wins Four Chapter Leadership Awards at NIRI National Conference

Announces New Board for 2012-2013 Program Season

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The New York Chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI-NY) announced that the chapter was honored with four awards at NIRI's annual Chapter Leadership Awards event held in Seattle on June 2:

- **Best Overall Programming (Large Chapter):** NIRI-NY was recognized for one of its most robust program seasons ever, providing members with highly relevant professional development opportunities From August 2011 to May 2012, NIRI-NY held 27 events, with 20 of those events free to chapter members.
- **Best External Affairs (Large Chapter):** The chapter was recognized for the strong relationships it has built with universities, other professional organizations and corporate sponsors to achieve greater visibility for NIRI and the IR profession. In particular, NIRI-NY co-sponsored events with the business schools of three major New York City universities – Baruch, NYU and Fordham, which is now offering one of the country's first Master's Degree in Investor Relations.
- **Chairman's Award:** Several chapters were recognized for specific member services or programs. The New York chapter was honored for its free Professional Development program, which was expanded from quarterly to monthly during the 2011-2012 season. This expansion was supported in the spring by a sponsorship from Ipreo.
- **Individual Chapter Leadership Award:** Outgoing chapter president Bernard Kilkelly was honored for his leadership during this successful program season.

Bernard Kilkelly, outgoing President of NIRI-NY and Vice President, Investor Relations of Delphi Financial Group, Inc., said, "The NIRI New York Chapter had a very successful year thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and board members. I was honored to lead the chapter this year and to help advance our mission of educating, motivating and inspiring our members. "

NIRI-NY held its Annual Meeting on Monday, June 11, at which it announced the newly elected Chapter Officers and Directors for the 2012-2013 term.

Cheryl Gedvila, incoming president of NIRI-NY and Vice President, Global Corporate Access of RBC Capital Markets, said, "The NIRI-NY board is looking forward to another year of great programs that will continue to promote the investor relations profession and provide our members with timely, valuable information. We also want to recognize two long-serving NIRI-NY board members who have stepped down from the board, Hulus Alpay and Michelle Savage, and thank them for their many valuable contributions to the chapter."

The NIRI-NY board of directors for 2012-2013 is:

OFFICERS:

President	Cheryl Gedvila, CFA Vice President, Global Corporate Access RBC Capital Markets
EVP, Programs	Eleanor Powell Executive Director, Investor Relations The Estee Lauder Companies Inc.
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Michael Becker	Senior Vice President, Financial Product Strategy Business Wire (Past NIRI-NY President 2010-2011)
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Neal Goldner	Vice President, Investor Relations Avis Budget Group, Inc.
Guy Gresham	Head of IR Advisory BNY Mellon Depository Receipts
Bernard Kilkelly	Vice President, Investor Relations Delphi Financial Group, Inc. (Past NIRI-NY President 2011-2012)
Nils Paellmann	Vice President, Investor Relations Deutsche Telekom (Past NIRI-NY President 2008-2009)

ABOUT NIRI-NY

NIRI-NY, the founding chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI), is also the largest chapter with over 400 members in the tri-state area. Founded in 1969, NIRI is a professional association of corporate officers and investor relations consultants responsible for communication among corporate management, the investing public and the financial community. NIRI members represent the majority of the largest publicly held corporations in the U.S. as well as many small and mid-sized companies. With over 4,300 members in 35 chapters around the country, NIRI sets the highest standards in education to advance the practice of investor relations and meet the growing professional development needs of those engaged in the field. For more information, visit www.niriny.org.

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