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ICT to Host 18th Annual P&C Symposium

The Insurance Council of Texas (ICT) will host the 2010 Mid-Year Property & Casualty Insurance Symposium in Austin on Thursday, July 15. The symposium will focus on the current state of the insurance marketplace and its future.

The symposium kicks off with a presentation by Dr. Robert Hartwig, president of the Insurance Information Institute, who will discuss the financial welfare of the industry. Hartwig will be followed by Jay Thompson, a partner at Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, who will examine 2011 legislative and related sunset issues.

Jeffrey J. Rieder, President of the Ward Group, will speak prior to lunch and share his wisdom about how the best property and casualty companies manage their business.

The luncheon program will include a presentation of the prestigious Raymond Mauk Leadership Award and a report on the ICT Education Foundation. Philip A. Peterson, Senior Vice President at Aon Consulting, will serve as the luncheon speaker. Peterson will discuss "human capital" and what steps the industry must take to make sure it has qualified employees in the future.

In the afternoon, Rick Gentry, ICT's Executive Director, will moderate a panel discussion on "hot button" insurance issues. This year's panelists are Rep. Larry Taylor, a member of the House Insurance Committee and Texas Sunset Advisory Commission; Parker Rush, President of Republic Insurance Group; Lee Ann Alexander, Assistant Vice President and Legislative Counsel for Liberty Mutual Company; Lee Loftis, Government Affairs Director at the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas; and Denise Ruggiero, Vice President of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs for Farmers Insurance.

More information about the symposium and online registration is available at <http://www.insurancecouncil.org/symposium.asp>

The Insurance Council of Texas is the largest state insurance trade association in the country consisting of approximately 500 property and casualty insurers writing business in Texas.

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