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**Kentucky Chamber cuts the ribbon on the “Front Door to Frankfort”**

**Frankfort, Ky. (April 22, 2010)** – The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce’s newly renovated and expanded facility is officially open for business. On Tuesday, April 20, Chamber leaders, Gov. Steve Beshear and more than 100 Kentucky business leaders gathered for the ribbon cutting and dedication of the building that will serve as the business community’s “front door to Frankfort.”

“In 2006, the Chamber’s board of directors realized a need to expand the existing headquarters,” said 2010 Chairman Bill Jones, of U.S. Bank. “There was no room for staff growth, the technology was outdated, and there was very limited meeting space. I’m glad to say that these issues are now in the past.”

The \$3.2 million facility, funded, in large part, by donations and sponsorships from members is now 17,000 square feet – a 70 percent increase in space. The building features state-of-the-art technology, including the AT&T Videoconferencing Center. The Chamber will be linked to the state’s videoconferencing network, through the Commonwealth office of Technology, which includes every state university and community and technical college, every health department and some school systems.

In addition to cutting-edge technology, the building also features art pieces commissioned by Kentucky artists, including four large paintings that portray the four seasons in the Commonwealth; panoramic photos by Lexington photographer Jeff Rogers; and Darrell Ishmael, manager of corporate security and continuity at East Kentucky Power and a past Kentucky Chamber board member, created artwork of layered coal in Kentucky sand for the building.

The majority of the contract work done on the building was done by Kentucky companies and Chamber members.

“We were glad to provide Kentucky business with an opportunity to work on this project during these tough economic times,” said Chamber President and CEO Dave Adkisson.

“We hope that the Kentucky Chamber’s new headquarters here in Frankfort reflects our optimism and bold direction, and will serve as a symbol of a bright future for Kentucky’s business community,” said Jones.