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NTC FOUNDATION ADDS NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERS

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — (January 4, 2008) — Pam Hamilton Lester has been named President and Chief Executive Officer of the NTC Foundation, a newly created Board of Directors' position. Also, Kurt Chilcott and Richard S. Ledford have been elected to serve on the Board.

"The addition of two new board members along with instituting the President & CEO position, underscores the forward momentum generated from opening the first phase of the NTC Promenade," said Gordon Swanson, chairman of the NTC Foundation Board of Directors. "Pam, Kurt and Richard will add valuable leadership and fundraising talent to our board as we move towards the next phase of the project."

The NTC Foundation, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit corporation and its flagship project, the NTC Promenade, recently completed a \$26 million renovation of 6 of its 26 historic buildings and is rapidly becoming a 28-acre cultural district of innovation, collaboration and celebration in a historic setting – the new mixed use-use community of Liberty Station.

The San Diego City Council recently approved a \$6 million rehabilitation grant agreement to begin planning and implementation of the next renovation phase from the remaining 20 buildings. It is the second such grant approved by the Council for the project. The first was granted in 2003.

Hamilton is former senior vice president of the Centre City Development Corporation, the City of San Diego's downtown redevelopment agency. She has more than 40 years of urban land use and redevelopment experience on national and local levels. In her new position, Hamilton will have general supervision, direction and control of the Foundation and will work with its executive director, Alan Ziter, who joined the Foundation in 2004, and senior staff. She will guide strategic planning and development of the project.

Chilcott, president & CEO of CDC Small Business Finance, is a nationally recognized leader in economic and community development. With 25 years of experience, Chilcott has a history of association leadership in the economic development field, including International Economic Development Council, Council for Urban Economic Development, National Association of Development Companies and California Association for Local Economic Development. He has also served on the boards of numerous local and state non-profit organizations.

Ledford, president of Ledford Enterprises, is a privately held company specializing in public affairs, advocacy, and strategic imaging. Well versed in policy development, politics, and advocacy, Ledford has extensive experience in government, community relations, and public policy. Ledford was formerly vice president of public policy of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and chief of staff to the mayor of San Diego.

The two new members, along with current Board member and new President & CEO, will join the NTC Foundation's other directors: **Gordon Swanson**, *Chair*, CEO, Cran Chile; **Judy McDonald**, *Vice Chair*, Community Leader, **Hank Killmar**, *Treasurer*, Community Leader, **Mitchell Woodbury**, *Secretary*, Community Leader, **RAdm Fran Holian, USN (ret.)**Community Leader, **Steven Jay Mueller**, Community Leader, **Eliot Alport**, *Ex-Officio*, The Corky McMillin Companies, **Victoria Hamilton**, *Ex-Officio*, Executive Director, City of San Diego Commission for Arts & Culture, **William Anderson**, *Ex-Officio*, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, City of San Diego Land Use and Economic Development.

About NTC Foundation

The NTC Foundation was established in 2000 to renovate this signature community asset and transform it into a place where "Innovative Experiences" will transform and inspire lives of generations to come. NTC Promenade will be an engaging 28 acre creative district of innovation, collaboration and celebration in an historic setting in the new mixed-use community of Liberty Station.

The NTC Foundation recently completed a \$26 million renovation to 6 of its 26 historic buildings and is now making plans for the next phase of the development as its first 25 resident groups work to develop a creative collaborative community in the Civic, Arts and Cultural District.

The mission of the NTC Foundation is to "enrich the lives of San Diegans as we renovate 26 historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center to create, facilitate and operate a broad-based complex focused on experiencing the arts, culture, science and technology of innovation, exploration and creativity that are the hallmark of the San Diego region." www.ntcpromenade.org

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