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**“Imagine My New Job” Web Site Lists
30,000 Open Positions in Pittsburgh Region**

*Imaginemynewjob.com aggregates listings from other job posting sites and employers;
25,000 full-time openings posted on site today*

(PITTSBURGH – December 10, 2008) There are more than 30,000 open positions in the 10-county Pittsburgh region available today, according to the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. Earlier this year, the Allegheny Conference launched a job search portal, “Imaginemynewjob.com,” that aggregates job listings for the Pittsburgh region from other job search engines, such as Monster and “Hot Jobs,” as well as postings by individual employers. Duplicate postings are eliminated from the search results.

Of the more than 30,000 jobs posted on the site today, more than 25,000 are full-time positions; more than half pay \$40,000 per year or more.

“Imaginemynewjob.com” is a free service. Job seekers can search for jobs based on location; salary range; title; company; job type (full-time, part-time, contract, temporary and internship); and other factors. Users can establish customized accounts, join “Linked In,” listen to podcasts and view other information about the Pittsburgh region on the site as well.

“Despite the slowdown nationally, employment in the Pittsburgh region has continued to grow, totaling 1,164,100 in October. This marks the third straight month the region experienced record high levels of employment. The growth rate of 0.6 percent was well above the United States as a whole, which fell by -0.1 percent,” said Michael Langley, CEO of the Allegheny Conference and Affiliates.

“Although we are feeling some of the effects of the national economic downturn, employers in Pittsburgh are hiring. We want to get the word out to job seekers in the Pittsburgh region that there is a free, online resource available to help connect them to employers who are ready to hire,” said Dewitt Peart, executive vice president, economic development and president, Pittsburgh Regional Alliance.

The Allegheny Conference on Community Development and Affiliates – the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, the Pennsylvania Economy League of Southwestern Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance – work in collaboration with public and private sector partners to stimulate economic growth and improve the quality of life in southwestern Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.allegHENYconference.org.