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**Chamber Honors Top Logistics Performers at Third Annual Luncheon**

ATLANTA –The Metro Atlanta Chamber awarded the Logistics Professional of the Year award to Ann Elliott of Solertis Logistics Solutions, and the Logistics Company of the Year award to Manhattan Associates during a luncheon at the 2008 Logistics Forum.

Metro Atlanta has the fifth-largest concentration of logistics companies and employment in the country, with more than 103,000 jobs. In fact, more than 90 percent of the top 25 third-party logistics service providers have operations in Atlanta.

“The logistics industry drives metro Atlanta’s economy,” said Sam A. Williams, president of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. “With its superior rail, road and air infrastructure, Atlanta continues to serve as a major gateway to U.S. markets. The logistics network is a primary competitive advantage.”

Metro Atlanta continues to be a source for logistics talent and innovation that helps attract and grow companies. This is the second year for the awards, which were created to recognize outstanding individuals and companies in metro Atlanta whose actions have advanced the state of the logistics industry and promoted its continued growth. This year’s theme was “Mobility in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Infrastructure Challenge.”

**Logistics Company of the Year, Manhattan Associates**

Manhattan Associates has been providing global supply chain excellence to more than 1,200 customers worldwide for more than 18 years. They are one of only two software companies consistently profitable for the past 16 years.

Headquartered in Atlanta, Manhattan Associates are founding members of the Atlanta Logistics Innovation Council. They have endowed a professorship at Georgia Institute of Technology in the school of Industrial and Systems Engineering. They returned 17% revenue growth in both 2006 and 2007. The firm has grown from fewer than 30 in the early 1990s to 2,400 worldwide today, with 1,200 in Atlanta. *Logistics Management* named Manhattan Associates a Top 50 Logistics Provider in 2008.

Finalists for Logistics Company of the Year included CHAINalytics LLC, Coyote Logistics and RoadLink.

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**Logistics Professional of the Year, Ann Elliott**

Elliott is the president and CEO of Solertis Logistics Solutions and has more than 20 years of experience in logistics, marketing and general management.

Previously, Elliott managed third-party warehouses for Chep USA, the largest pallet and container pool in North America. She served as Operations Manager with Excel Logistics, where she managed the Kellogg Company's largest distribution center.

Additionally, Elliott has addressed audiences at the Warehousing Education and Research Council, the Supply Chain Expo and the National Confectioners Logistics Council. A graduate of Duke University, Elliott sits on the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association and on its Board of Directors. She is past President of Duke in Atlanta and a recipient of the prestigious C.A. Duke Award, the University's highest honor for volunteer service.

Finalists for Logistics Professional of the Year included Warren Jones, aviation development manager of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport; and Chris Norek, senior partner of Chain Connectors.

The Third Annual Logistics Forum is hosted jointly by the Metro Atlanta Chamber and the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals Atlanta Roundtable.



Pictured left to right: Logistics Professional of the Year: Ann Elliott, president and CEO of Solertis; Terrie O'Hanlon, senior vice president & chief marketing officer of Manhattan Associates; Logistics Company of the Year. Photos courtesy of Carroll Morgan, Buckhead On-Site Photography.

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***The Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce*** – with our 4,000 member companies that collectively employ more than 700,000 workers – is a catalyst for a vibrant metro region. Over the last 140 years, the Chamber has been bringing the region's leaders together to tackle the issues that matter most to the business community: quality jobs and quality of life.

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*In 2004, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce established the Atlanta Logistics Innovation Council to attract, grow and retain high value logistics industry companies and jobs. The council and our members are working to leverage Atlanta's unique advantages – its geographic location, interstate network, world's busiest airport, rail and port connectivity, as well as our high concentration of logistics companies, intellectual talent and innovative research. Our goal is to position Atlanta as the place the world turns to for logistics solutions.*