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Malcolm R Hartman to Speak at the NCEO/Beyster Institute's Employee Ownership Conference

Chicago, IL (March 2006) - Malcolm R Hartman, our firm's ESOP practice leader, will be participating as a speaker at the 2006 Employee Ownership Conference, NCEO/Beyster Institute's Joint Annual Conference taking place April 26-28, 2006, at the Crowne Plaza Riverfront Hotel in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Hartman will be a panelist in the session "Selling an ESOP Company" on Friday, April 28, 11:00-12:15. This is one of over 50 sessions offered at this comprehensive three-day conference, attracting over 700 attendees from across the nation. Three general sessions will include a Leader Dialogue; Keynoter Richard Hassel, general counsel of Lifetouch on *The Lifetouch Story*; and Dr. Laura Nash, senior lecturer at Harvard Business School on *Building a Foundation for Lasting Success*.

The conference is co-hosted by the National Center for Employee Ownership, a private, nonprofit membership and research organization that offers accurate, unbiased information on employee ownership plans and the Beyster Institute at the Rady School of Management, University of California, San Diego, which is dedicated to advancing the use of entrepreneurship and employee ownership worldwide.

For more information about the conference, go to www.nceo.org/conference or www.beysterinstitute.org or call the NCEO at 510-208-1300 or the Beyster Institute at 858-822-6000.

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