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New Jersey Executives Club (NJEXEC) opens first public event to Area Executives featuring Ms. Maureen P. Merkle, President of Procurement at AT&T

Bedminster, NJ (March 17, 2006) – The New Jersey Executives Club, (NJEXEC), New Jersey's leading business organization for Senior Executives is pleased to announce that Ms. Maureen Merkle, President - Procurement, AT&T, will be the guest speaker at its April luncheon event scheduled for Friday, April 28, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at the Raritan Valley Country Club in Bridgewater New Jersey. Her speech is entitled: "Supply Chain Management Excellence". Ms. Merkle will be speaking on an overview of AT&T's Quality and Supplier Performance Management Processes, and the importance of emphasizing quality in the supply chain - leading to Supply Chain Excellence."

"We are thrilled to have Ms. Merkle address NJEXEC given the tremendous historical significance AT&T and other Telecoms have had in this area" stated Mark R. McNulty, President and Founder of the Club. To register for this event call 888-485-5224 or email info@njexec.com.

About Maureen P. Merkle

Maureen Merkle is President of Procurement for AT&T, Inc. She is responsible for all global aspects of Procurement, including, strategic sourcing, purchasing, supply chain operations, logistics (inventory planning, warehousing, media distribution and transportation), administrative services, e-systems, supplier quality, supplier diversity programs and motor vehicle fleet management.

About The New Jersey Executives Club (NJEXEC)

The New Jersey Executives Club is a private, by-invitation-only membership organization that enables peer-to-peer collaboration and education among prominent Senior Executives in the metro New Jersey region. The purpose of our meetings is to provide an environment where senior executives can build a personal network while learning from headline FORTUNE 1000 thought leaders. By building and leveraging these relationships over time, NJEXEC aims to increase and expand the opportunities of its members and the companies they lead. The New Jersey Executives Club was largely inspired by the highly successful Potomac Officers Club (POC) located in Washington, D.C. For additional information on NJEXEC or to apply, visit www.njexec.com or call 888-485-5224.

For media interested in attending the event please contact Mark R. McNulty at 908-623-0077 or mmcnulty@chiefconnectionofficer.com.