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**Deadline is October 31 for nominations in the Leadership Louisville Connector Project
– Make sure the people you know are included!**

Louisville, Kentucky (October 26, 2009) – With less than a week left for nominations, the Leadership Louisville Center is calling on the community to make sure the people they know are included by answering a short seven question survey at www.LouisvilleConnectors.com to make nominations. Over 3,600 individuals have been nominated so far, in close competition to the 4,300 unique names resulting from the Connector Project in Philadelphia. Regional participation is evident, with nominators from over 60 zip codes in the region. Be a part of selecting a dream team for creating positive change in Louisville and Southern Indiana – the deadline is October 31.

The Connector Project seeks to recognize today's leaders and mobilize the leaders of tomorrow. It starts with community-wide participation and will use sophisticated analysis to bring to life the region's few degrees of separation. Don't miss the opportunity to contribute your view to the project designed to identify and recognize the unsung and longtime leaders in the community.

"The response to the Connector Project has been overwhelming," said Leadership Louisville Center president Christine Johnson. "Our community is in the midst of a dialogue about new leadership and this project has brought civic engagement and citizen leadership to the forefront of the conversation."

The model for the Connector Project came from Leadership Philadelphia where they identified 101 persons who – through their connections – exemplified trusted leadership and created positive change. The number of "Connectors" named here will be determined by the data received through the community-wide nomination process.

Once the Connectors are named, research will be conducted on their leadership characteristics and maps of leadership and connection will be created. In Philadelphia, the Connector Project helped shape policy, influenced the education system and occurred during a change in leadership. Parallels in the community make this a timely and relevant project.

Leadership Louisville Connector Project Partners:

Partnering with the Leadership Louisville Center on the Connector Project are: The Courier-Journal, University of Louisville/New Cities Foundation City Solutions Center, Leadership Southern Indiana, Doe-Anderson, and NetForm.

About the Leadership Louisville Center:

Created in 1979, the Leadership Louisville Center is the region's leading leadership development and civic engagement organization. The Center strives to cross economic and social boundaries to inspire individuals to serve as catalysts for a stronger community. Dynamic programming and events develop, connect and engage leaders into action toward social innovation and a brighter future for the Louisville community.

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