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**U.S. Patent and Trade Office Director to Speak on Local Effect
of Landmark IP Law Changes; Dec. 11**

*CONNECT and Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP Host Policy Forum to Outline
Impact on San Diego Tech Companies*

WHAT: A public policy forum addressing landmark changes in Intellectual Property (IP) legislation and procedure that will powerfully impact technology-based businesses in San Diego.

The event marks the launch of CONNECT's policy forums featuring speakers on topics crucial to innovators and entrepreneurs. The forum will enable San Diego entrepreneurs to gain a greater understanding of legislation and procedure in patent practice as well as the implications for businesses in 2008.

Please visit www.connect.org, or call 858-964-1300 to attend to forum. Tickets are \$45 before Dec. 9, and \$75 there after. Members of the media are encouraged to pre-register for the event free of charge.

WHO: Robert Clarke, director of the Office of Patent Legal Administration at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, will discuss critical patent issues facing our region. Clarke will be joined by local experts, Michael L. Fuller, partner with the intellectual property law firm of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear LLP and Phillip R. Wadsworth, vice president and legal counsel, Global IP Legislation and Open Source Legal Group, QUALCOMM Incorporated.

WHEN: December 11, 2007

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa
9700 N. Torrey Pines Road
La Jolla, CA 92037

Those interested in attending should contact CONNECT on 858-964-1300 or visit www.connect.org. Tickets are \$45 before December 9 and \$75 after December 9.

About CONNECT

CONNECT is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating and sustaining the growth of innovative technology and life science businesses in San Diego. Since 1985, CONNECT has assisted in the formation and development of over 1,000 companies and is widely regarded as the nation's most successful regional program linking inventors and entrepreneurs with the resources they need for success. Its programs include: Springboard, Venture Round Table, Frontiers in Science and Technology, FrameWorks, and Connect with CONNECT; affiliate programs with The Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology (CCAT), Tech Coast Angels (TCA), and MIT Enterprise Forum (MITEF); and its awards and recognition programs, Hall of Fame, and The Most Innovative Products (MIP) Awards.

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