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## CONNECTICUT MAIN STREET CENTER HIRES DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(Hartford, CT) – Connecticut Main Street Center (CMSC) has announced the appointment of its new Director of Community Development, Courtney Hendricson. Ms. Hendricson will work throughout the state to expand CMSC’s visibility and value. She will be responsible for providing guidance and assistance to Connecticut Main Street communities, coordinating resources to deliver specific services, and securing effective relationships with members, municipal partners, elected officials and experts in the field. She will assume her new role effective November 14, 2007.

Ms. Hendricson recently moved to Connecticut from British Columbia where she worked for the British Columbia Safety Authority (BCSA) as Leader, Partnerships and Advisory Services. As a member of the management team, she created and administered a stakeholder consultation program consisting of industry, local government, contractor, and education representatives, and she directed the internal program implementation of “equivalent standards” agreements between BCSA and large oil and gas companies. In her position, she spearheaded negotiations with the governments of British Columbia and Alberta, and safety counterparts regarding joint implementation of safety initiatives, technical training, and certification standards.

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Previously, Ms. Hendricson was Executive Assistant to the Assistant City Manager of the City of Austin, Texas where she assisted with negotiations between neighborhoods and city staff regarding proposed residential development and participated on a transit-oriented development and zoning revision implementation team. Ms. Hendricson received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Sociology from Connecticut College and her Master of Public Affairs from The University of Texas at Austin.

John Simone, President & CEO of Connecticut Main Street Center said: "Courtney Hendricson is a creative thinker who actively engages in relationship building and partnership development at all levels. She has worked in a number of positions where her performance as been the benchmark for those who have followed. We look forward to welcoming her to our team of professionals."

Part of a national network that has been in place for over 25 years, Connecticut Main Street Center provides training and advocacy to its network of public and private partners statewide in order to build economically vibrant traditional "main streets" as the foundation for growing healthy communities. Dedicated to community and economic development within the context of historic preservation, CMSC's major funding partners are the State of Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development and The Connecticut Light and Power Company.

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