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**MICROSOFT CEO STEVE BALLMER TO ADDRESS
NASHVILLE TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST**

Former CIO Magazine Editor in Chief Abbie Lundberg Presents Future Scope

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – December 3, 2009 – The Nashville Technology Council today announced the lineup for its 2nd Annual Membership Breakfast, sponsored by ComFrame Software Corporation. Steve Ballmer, Chief Executive Officer of Microsoft, is expected to bring his energy and intellect to the stage to deliver inspiration to the Nashville technology community. Abbie Lundberg, longtime Editor in Chief for *CIO Magazine*, will kick off the presentation with a future scope of business technology challenges and opportunities.

Lundberg's extensive connections with the CIO community will provide an insightful view of what is ahead in the technology-enabled business world. "The future of technology is exciting, but there are many potential pitfalls for those without a strategy," said Lundberg. "It is apparent the technology community in Nashville is thriving, even through the recession. We will discuss how businesses can achieve profitable growth through the right combination of technology innovation and business discipline."

"Ballmer and Lundberg will provide Nashville's technology community with unique insights from the world's technology leaders in vision and execution," said J. Tod Fetherling, Nashville Technology Council President & CEO. "This event will create opportunities for Nashville's tech community to connect, learn, and succeed."

"Microsoft is extremely excited and honored to be involved in this event, and we thank the Nashville Technology Council for allowing us to participate," said Microsoft Heartland District Manager John Fikany. "We believe this type of partnership in Nashville can play an important role in fostering innovation and providing opportunities to network."

The event will take place Wednesday, January 20, 2010, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Trevecca Nazarene University. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$40 per person, and can be purchased online at www.technologycouncil.com.

About the Nashville Technology Council

The Nashville Technology Council is an exclusive, 501(c)(6) not-for-profit membership organization devoted to helping the Middle Tennessee technology community succeed. Since its formation in 1999, membership has grown to more than 385 organizations.

About Microsoft

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