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**THE GREATER BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
PRESENTS *BUSINESS EXPO 2005***

*10<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Expo Features Well-Known Keynote Speakers  
Patrick M. Byrne of Overstock.com & I.J. Hudson of NBC News4*

**Bethesda, MD** -- The Bethesda-Chevy Chase (B-CC) Chamber of Commerce's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual *Business Expo* will be held May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 7:15 am to 3 pm at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda (7400 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814)! Opening with a *Power Networking Breakfast* featuring I.J. Hudson and including an *Executive Luncheon* with keynote speaker Patrick M. Byrne, the *Business Expo* promises to connect attendees with vendors and local decision-makers. **FREE** and open to the public from 9am to 3pm, the event features exhibitors from fields including e-commerce, technology, finance, specialty printing and more, showcasing over 75 businesses from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area. The B-CC Chamber anticipates over 1,000 participants and visitors to attend the 2005 *Business Expo*.

"The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual B-CC Chamber of Commerce Business Expo will be the largest expo we have had and we are all very excited," states Lance Van Winter, *Business Expo* Chairman and President of Vansam Software. "The event is an excellent opportunity to network and search for services and products that you would need for your business. It is a real win-win situation for all."

The *Business Expo* also features a *Power Networking Breakfast* and *Executive Luncheon* with renowned keynote speakers I.J. Hudson, Technology Reporter for NBC News4, and Patrick M. Byrne, President and Chairman of internet retailer *Overstock.com*. The *Power Networking Breakfast* featuring I.J. Hudson, winner of seven local Emmys for his "Digital Edge" spot reporting, takes place from 7:15 am to 9 am. Following Hudson's keynote address, attendees will participate in a round of networking and lead-sharing. The *Executive Luncheon* event, featuring keynote speaker Patrick M. Byrne, is from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Byrne, President and Chairman of internet retailer *Overstock.com* was listed as *Business Week's* 25 Most Influential People in e-Business and received Ernst & Young's "Entrepreneur of the Year" Award for 2003 in the Category of Lifetime Achievement. In addition to having a black belt in tae kwon do and having once pursued a career in professional boxing, Byrne has ridden a bicycle across the country four times – his last ride, in the summer of 2000, was to raise awareness and money for cancer research at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

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**INTERVIEW & PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:**

Patrick M. Bryne, CEO of Internet retailer Oversock.com, will be available for interviews on **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:45am to 11:00am**. To schedule an interview appointment, please contact Kerry McClellan, Marketing & Communications Manager for the Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce, at (301) 652-4900 or [kmcclellan@bccchamber.org](mailto:kmcclellan@bccchamber.org).

**About the Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce**

Eight Bethesda businessmen formed the Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce in 1926. In the past 75 plus years, the organization has grown to more than 950 businesses located throughout the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area and beyond.

Today, members of the Chamber form the core of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase business community. Member businesses are a part of an organization that provides networking opportunities, business leads and referrals, proactive leadership on legislative and economic development issues, and an improved business climate, all for the betterment of the community as a whole.

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