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## **Tony Lessmeister of Forsythe Technology, Inc. Named Chapter Officer of the Year by The ESOP Association**

**May 6, 2009 (Washington, DC)** – Tony Lessmeister, of Forsythe Technology, Inc. located in Skokie, Illinois, has been named the 2009 Chapter Officer of the Year by The ESOP Association. Mr. Lessmeister is the current President of the Association’s Illinois Chapter. The award was presented at the Association’s 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference in Washington, DC. The ESOP Association is the national trade association for companies with employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs) and the leading voice in America for employee ownership.

In his term as President of the Illinois Chapter of The ESOP Association, Mr. Lessmeister has worked effectively with Chapter leaders to unite ESOP companies across the state.

“Tony’s leadership had energized the Chapter and he has successfully managed to bring educational opportunities to our members in the state of Illinois,” said J. Michael Keeling, president of The ESOP Association. “Attendance at Chapter meetings has grown significantly under Tony’s leadership and I am pleased to present him with this award.”

The core cause of The ESOP Association is the belief that employee ownership will improve American competitiveness, increase productivity through greater employee participation, and strengthen our free enterprise economy.

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