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As G8 and NATO Summits Approach, Hillard Heintze and CoreNet Global Team with Other Business Leaders across Chicago To Prepare for These Major Events

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Executive Briefing's Keynote Speakers Will Include
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Chicago, IL – January 10, 2012 – Today, the Chicago Chapter of CoreNet Global, the world's premier association for corporate real estate professionals, announced its plans to convene an executive briefing on February 15, 2012 to help Chicago's business leaders and the local commercial real estate community understand what to expect during the back-to-back G8 and NATO Summits planned for Chicago in May.

At CoreNet Global's invitation, the strategic security advisory and investigative firm Hillard Heintze has agreed to support the event to help local business leaders recognize that, while these events bring tremendous opportunities to Chicago, a reasonable and practical level of advance planning, logistics and contingency preparations for all core business assets and operations is a prudent and proactive step that many businesses should consider taking.

"Even by the lowest estimates," says John Wichman, CoreNet Global's Chicago Chapter President, "visitors to the city for these events – including activists and protesters – will number in the tens of thousands. Given the major impacts to the city's normal routines, what should business owners in Chicago expect? What information is available to business leaders and their teams – and what kinds of information could and should be shared with law enforcement authorities as well as among members of the real estate community? These are important questions – both to ask and to answer."

The panel of speakers includes the current and past Special Agents in Charge of the Midwest for the U.S. Secret Service Frank Benedetto, Thomas Kasza and Arnette Heintze; current and former Chicago Police Superintendents Garry McCarthy and Terry Hillard; and Executive Director Gary Schenkel of the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC).

"Hosting the G8 and NATO conferences is a terrific opportunity for many Chicago businesses," says Arnette Heintze, co-founder and CEO of Hillard Heintze. "But just like any special event, it's absolutely essential – especially if you're a senior executive responsible for key assets and operations here – that you have a strong, practical, fact-based understanding of the likely impacts of these events on your corporate activities and have, at some level, taken concrete steps to mitigate these potential impacts through advanced planning, logistics and contingency preparations."

Terry Hillard, the firm's co-founder, agrees. "You have to think about event and meeting security. Special requirements related to executive transportation in and around the city. Have you updated your plans for emergency response? What about social media monitoring for threats and slanderous information regarding your corporate brand, physical address or leaders?"

Hillard Heintze Managing Director Thomas Kasza places the highest emphasis on information. "We will be supporting a number of corporate clients and foreign delegations during these events in areas such as facilitation and liaison with U.S. government security and law enforcement agencies, transportation and logistics, and personal protection – and in every single one of these instances, access to timely information and proactive adherence to information-sharing protocols are crucial."

Members of several prominent organizations in the Chicago real estate community will be attending the by-invitation-only event. One is BOMA/Chicago, whose members represent approximately 260 member buildings and 170 companies that provide services to commercial office buildings. BOMA member buildings make up more than 80 percent of downtown Chicago's rentable building area and nearly 100 percent of rentable space in Class A buildings downtown. Another is the Chicago Chapter of IFMA, with over 300 members in the local chapter, IFMA Chicago's mission is to advance the profession of Facilities Management and to support the professional growth and development of facilities managers and their associate service providers through monthly educational programs and networking events. Also expected to attend will be members of COLBA, a non-for-profit association comprised of more than 150 Chicago area real estate brokers and salespersons who are the top executives in their industry.

About Hillard Heintze

To protect what matters most, we believe that immediate access to trusted counsel, critical insights and the full scope of information vital to strategic decision making is absolutely essential. In line with this conviction, Hillard Heintze develops best-in-class security strategies and investigations to protect and preserve the safety of our clients' people, property, performance and reputation in the U.S. and worldwide. And we view our role as a trusted advisor as a noble and honorable pursuit. This is our purpose. It's who we are. It's why our clients trust us.

For the last three years, Hillard Heintze has been recognized by Inc. Magazine as one of America's fastest-growing private companies – and ranked on the annual Inc. 500/5000 list. The company has also been ranked #6 on the 2011 Initiative for a Competitive Inner City list of the 100 fastest-growing inner city firms in the U.S. Headquartered in Chicago, Hillard Heintze also has operations in Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Raleigh, Boston, Miami, Cincinnati, San Jose and Virginia Beach, as well as operating capabilities across North and South America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Russia and Asia.

About CoreNet Global

CoreNet Global is the world's premier association for corporate real estate professionals. As a global learning organization, we continually strive to provide industry thought and opinion leadership. CoreNet Global is the only group that convenes the entire industry, public sector and private sector, in one centralized organization. We design our programs and services to meet the business needs of our member companies and career needs of individual members.

With over 7,000 corporate real estate executives, service providers and economic developers, worldwide, this professional mix reflects the industry's focus on global alliance partnerships and on integrating the management of corporate assets, the workplace and infrastructure.

Headquartered in Atlanta, Chicago is the third largest chapter in the world. Additional information on CoreNet Global Chicago can be found at www.corenetglobal.org.

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