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Hill Library transitions Ethics Center to Private Ownership Former Center director founds Ethical Leaders in Action, LLC

St. Paul (June 21, 2010) – The James J Hill Reference Library announced today that effective June 18, 2010, it will be transferring the Hill Center for Ethical Business Leadership to a new, separate organization led by Charles A. “Chad” Weinstein, its current director. Weinstein will launch a new LLC under the brand name Ethical Leaders in Action, which will continue to deliver ethical leadership and organizational development services.

Current projects of the Hill Center will be delivered by Ethical Leaders in Action through the duration of their existing contacts, under an agreement between those organizations. All work initiated after June 18, 2010, will be contracted and delivered exclusively through Ethical Leaders in Action. Following the completion of outstanding projects, the Hill Library will have no formal relationship with Ethical Leaders in Action.

“While the Hill Library will not maintain a formal relationship with Ethical Leaders in Action, it will continue to collaborate with Weinstein whenever appropriate, as the value of what he brings to his clients and the community in general is exemplary and of great value.” Said Greg Heinemann, chair of the James J. Hill Reference Library Board of Directors, who also added, “Chad’s work represents the best sort of leadership, done with integrity and with the public’s best interests at heart. It has always been consistent with the values that the Hill Library esteems.”

The James J. Hill Reference Library created the Hill Center for Ethical Business Leadership in 2007. In the past three years, the Hill Center has helped numerous leaders and their organizations improve their chance of success through the increased trust and engagement, derived from the application of ethical principles. The formation of Ethical Leaders in Action will allow for expansion of these efforts through the formation of joint ventures with other organizations and the infusion of capital from outside sources. “My years with the Hill Library were wholly satisfying. I am honored to have been associated with such an outstanding institution,” commented Chad Weinstein. “I am pleased to be continuing our important work under new auspices.”

This move will also support the Hill Library’s strategic effort to focus its internal resources on new and valuable ways to serve the community. Since its dedication in 1921, The James J. Hill Reference Library has been a resource to the business community in the Twin Cities and the region. “We were delighted to offer ethical leadership services to the community, but now commit to focusing on a match between our internal resources and meeting the relevant and focused needs of that community,” added Anne Rasmussen, Chief Operating Officer of the Hill Library.

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The James J. Hill Reference Library is a private, non-profit library located in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Library houses a world-class collection of resources and is considered the most comprehensive publicly accessible practical business library in America. The mission of the Hill Library is to provide access to and assistance in finding the practical business information clients need to succeed. The Hill Library was founded in 1921 by one of the nation's true business pioneers, James J. Hill. More information at www.jjhill.org.