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Rochester Hills Named Among Leaders of Entrepreneurial Communities

Rochester Hills, MI – The City of Rochester Hills was one of three cities who were recognized as an Entrepreneurial Community by the University of Michigan Dearborn as they delivered awards for the “2009 top performers at attracting and retaining entrepreneurial firms.”

The University’s iLab program has conducted an eCity Study since 2007, which evaluated 52 communities across Michigan this year. The study enables local communities to benchmark and measure their performance in fostering entrepreneurship, economic development, and job growth, while providing the best practices for communities to create environments that encourage entrepreneurial firms.

Entrepreneurship has become a main focus in Michigan because of its importance to future expansion and diversification of our regional economies, as well as the impact that small businesses’ have on job creation.

“We are very proud of this recognition,” said Rochester Hills Mayor, Bryan K. Barnett. “It indicates that we are doing the right things to help our residents establish and grow business ventures.”

Established in 1984 the City of Rochester Hills supports more than 200 tech-savvy businesses and offers a complete and diverse community. Recently voted one of the top 100 best places to live (2009) the City of Rochester Hills is committed to being the preeminent place to live, work and raise a family. For more information on the City Planning and Development contact Dan Casey, Manager of Economic Planning & Development.

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