



News Release

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Delmonico Insurance Agency Honored with Chairman's Award by Peerless Insurance™

Syracuse, N.Y. (August 12, 2009) – Delmonico Insurance Agency of Syracuse has been honored with the Chairman's Award for its superior performance and outstanding commitment to Peerless Insurance, a Liberty Mutual Agency Markets regional company.

Delmonico Insurance was recognized for achieving specific benchmarks, including account growth and loss ratio targets, and is one of only 17 Peerless Insurance appointed agencies to be recognized with the Chairman's Award for its exceptional results in 2008 and its exemplary service to Peerless Insurance customers.

“Delmonico Insurance is in the top tier among our appointed agencies,” said Michael Christiansen president and chief executive officer, Peerless Insurance. “The sustained growth and consistently high profitability required to achieve this exclusive recognition reflects the contribution that Delmonico Insurance makes to our mutual success and affirms our commitment to building strong relationships at the local level.”

About Peerless Insurance

With underwriting companies dating back to 1901, Peerless Insurance offers property and casualty products, including a comprehensive set of commercial coverages, distributed only through appointed independent agents. Headquartered in Keene, New Hampshire, Peerless Insurance offers insurance products in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Peerless Insurance is part of Liberty Mutual Agency Markets, a business unit of Liberty Mutual Group, consisting of property and casualty and specialty insurance carriers that distribute their products and services primarily through independent agents and brokers. Liberty Mutual Group ranks 86 on the Fortune 500 list of the largest U.S. corporations based on 2008 revenues. The company has financial strength ratings of A (Excellent) from the A.M. Best Company, A2 (Good) from Moody's Investors Service, and A- (Strong) from Standard & Poor's.

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