



ECONOMIC CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC

ECS Expands Its Range of Consulting Services

Economic Consulting Services, LLC is pleased to announce that Ms. Kathryn Kobe, formerly Executive Vice President and Chief Economist of Joel Popkin and Company, has joined our firm, effective October 3, 2003 as Director of Price, Wage, and Productivity Analysis. Ms. Kobe's expertise has been particularly focused on price, wage, and productivity issues. Her work ranges from providing analysis and forecasts of these and other major economic variables for the U.S. economy to the study of cost and price issues specific to individual firms. Her work blends economic measurement, economic theory, and analysis to provide practical solutions for the company. Companies use her work in strategic planning, in regulatory arenas, and in litigation. She has provided economic analysis on price and cost issues in the areas of manufacturing, telecommunications, postal regulation, and health care (Medicare reimbursement policies). She has provided economic support of arbitration and litigation on price indexes, wage trends, and damage estimates. She has presented her analyses directly to clients, to the media, in testimony before Congress, and to professional peer groups.

We also are pleased to announce that our firm has joined in an association with Joel Popkin and Company ("JPC"), which relocated to our premises effective October 1, 2003. JPC's President, Dr. Joel Popkin, is a renowned expert on issues related to the measurement, analysis and forecasting of price, wage, cost and productivity measures. His findings are viewed as authoritative, and he often presents them at press conferences, in media interviews, OP-ED pieces, and through testimony before Congress and other policy making bodies, and publicly and privately in litigation, arbitration and collective bargaining. He will continue to provide these services personally and will join with Ms. Kobe and other ECS experts to conduct and present research on projects in which the client will benefit from such joint participation.

Our expanded team is anxious to meet a growing number of our clients' needs. Please call us to learn more about our enhanced capabilities.

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