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HARLEYSVILLE INSURANCE AGAIN RECOGNIZED AS A "TOP PARTNER" BY THE INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS OF NEW YORK'S WESTCHESTER COUNTY

HARLEYSVILLE, PA—Harleysville Insurance has earned the 2008 "Regional Carrier Top Partners Award" for commercial lines from the Independent Insurance Agents of Westchester County, Inc. (IIAWC). Top Partners are selected by the IIAWC's members and are based upon all areas of the agent/company relationship, including underwriting responsiveness, product offering and development, as well as policy and claims services. Harleysville has now won the award two years in a row, and four times in the last seven years.

Dennis Otmaskin, president of the Northeast region, accepted the award on behalf of the company from Todd Rockefeller, IIAWC past president, at the association's annual "Education Day," held today at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, N.Y. Tracey Benison, vice president of commercial lines business development for Harleysville's Northeast region, also attended the awards presentation, along with the company's entire regional underwriting team.

"Winning this award two years in a row affirms Harleysville as the key regional commercial lines partner for agents in Westchester County," Otmaskin noted. "Our underwriting team deserves the credit for this honor because they've developed great relationships with the agents here by writing their business in both hard and soft markets, while also providing them with outstanding customer service."

The IIAWC promotes and represents the common business interests of independent insurance agents within the property & casualty insurance industry and before New York legislators. The association also promotes greater understanding of an independent agent to the public through awareness, education and community events. For additional information, visit www.iiawc.com.

Harleysville Insurance is a leading regional provider of insurance products and services for small and mid-sized businesses, as well as for individuals, and ranks among the top 60 U.S. property/casualty insurance groups based on net written premiums. Harleysville was listed recently as #30 in the *InformationWeek* 500, the publication's annual listing of the most innovative information technology organizations in the U.S., and has been ranked on the list in each of the last three years. Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company owns 51 percent of Harleysville Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HGIC), a publicly traded holding company for eight regional property/casualty insurance companies collectively rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company. Harleysville Group is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, which is comprised of the top third of all NASDAQ member companies and has the highest initial listing standards of any exchange in the world based on financial and liquidity requirements. Harleysville Insurance—which distributes its products exclusively through independent insurance agencies and reflects that commitment to its agency force by being a Trusted Choice® company partner—currently operates in 32 eastern and midwestern states. Further information can be found on the company's Web site at www.harleysvillegroup.com.

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