

**Press Release to Announce Chapter ESOP Company of the Year Award Winner  
Forsythe Technology, Inc. Awarded Illinois Chapter of The ESOP Association  
Company of the Year**



March 21, 2011, Chicago, Illinois – Forsythe Technology, Inc. has been named the 2011 ESOP Company of the Year by the Illinois Chapter of The ESOP Association. The award was announced at the Chapter’s Annual Meeting on March 10, 2011, at the Doubletree Chicago Oak Brook Hotel. The ESOP Association is the national trade association for companies with employee stock ownership plans (ESOP) and the leading voice in America for employee ownership. The Illinois Chapter represents 84 companies in the State of Illinois.

Headquartered in Skokie, Illinois, Forsythe Technology, Inc. is a 100% employee owned company providing independent technology and business consulting services, technology leasing services, and value-added reseller services for all the leading technology product manufacturers. Founded in 1971 as a vendor-independent alternative for mainframe financing and acquisition support, Forsythe Technology, Inc. has evolved into an information technology infrastructure integrator. In March, 2006, Forsythe became 100 percent employee owned after purchasing the company from its founder, Rick Forsythe.

“Forsythe Technology, Inc. is a leader in the ESOP community and we are delighted to honor them with this recognition”, said Art Miller, Illinois Chapter President. “Forsythe practices a strong commitment to employee ownership through a sizeable and very active employee communication committee, and has been and continues to be a major participant in The ESOP Association at both the Chapter and National levels.”

“We are pleased and proud to have Forsythe Technology, Inc. selected by the Illinois Chapter of The ESOP Association as ESOP Company of the Year because we believe so strongly in the power of employee ownership,” commented Tony Lessmeister, Senior Manager at Forsythe.

Forsythe Technology, Inc. will compete against a competitive field of ESOP Companies of the Year from The ESOP Association’s 18 other state and regional Chapters for the title “National ESOP Company of the Year.” The winner of this prestigious award will be announced at The ESOP Association’s 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Washington, DC in May, 2011.

The core cause of The ESOP Association is the belief that employee ownership will improve American competitiveness, increase productivity through greater employee participation, and strengthen our free enterprise economy.

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