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Dr. James L. Doti and Dr. Esmael Adibi Will Offer Year-Ahead Forecasts for Orange County, California and the Nation

ORANGE, Calif., Nov. 18, 2005 Open to the public, the 28th annual Chapman University Economic Forecast Conference will be held Thursday, December 8 at the Hyatt Regency Irvine (17900 Jamboree Rd.). Registration begins at 1:15 p.m., with the Forecast beginning at 2 p.m.; tickets cost \$150 per person.

Year-ahead economic forecasts for Orange County, the state of California and the nation will be presented by Chapman President James L. Doti, Ph.D. and Esmael Adibi, Ph.D., through the university's nationally renowned A. Gary Anderson Center for Economic Research (ACER).

Comerica Bank, the nation's number one business bank, is the event's title sponsor. Event co-sponsors are Rutan & Tucker, the Orange County Business Journal, Churm Publishing and the Daily Pilot. The Forecast is hosted by Chapman's George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics.

As Orange County's most respected outlook conference, Chapman's forecast guides the business community in strategic planning and is also valuable for personal financial planning. The forecast, which will include the latest trends in employment, housing, building permits, taxable sales and personal income, is used by numerous local companies and agencies to create their own business plans and annual projections.

Using the latest findings of the Chapman Econometric Model, developed by Chapman faculty and students, Doti and Adibi forecast the direction of the key economic variables for the county, the state and the U.S.

Anderson Center staff and Chapman students will analyze trends and figures right up to the week of the conference. As has been done every year, a comprehensive assessment of the accuracy of last year's forecast also will be presented. A question-and-answer session will wrap up the event.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Chapman student scholarships and the ongoing research of the Anderson Center.

Reservations are required; the \$150 ticket price (\$75 for Chapman alumni; \$1,250 for groups of ten) includes the December and June issues of the Chapman University Economic and Business Review. **Call (714) 744-7958 to reserve tickets or for more information.**