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## **IIL ANNOUNCES WINNER OF PRESTIGIOUS KERZNER INTERNATIONAL PROJECT MANAGER OF THE YEAR™ AWARD**

*International Institute for Learning Inc. publicly recognizes professionals who exemplify outstanding project management skills and techniques*

**New York, NY, November 17, 2008** – International Institute for Learning Inc. has announced the winner of the 2008 Kerzner International Project Manager of the Year Award. Scot Hanley of Synovus is the third recipient of this prestigious annual award. The award recognizes project management professionals who demonstrate superior performance, outstanding skills, and innovative project management techniques, as well as those who make significant contributions in business, industry, government, community or not-for-profit environments.

Established in 2006, the Kerzner International Project Manager of the Year™ Award is named in honor of Dr. Harold Kerzner (Ph.D. and MS in engineering; MBA), senior executive director at IIL. Kerzner is a globally recognized expert on project, program and portfolio management, total quality management and strategic planning and the author of numerous best-selling books about project, program and portfolio management.

To be eligible for nomination for the Kerzner Award, candidates must possess the Project Management Institute's Project Management Professional credential or equivalent and may be associated with any industry or sector from anywhere in the world. Individuals can either nominate a colleague or themselves.

Hanley, vice president and director of professional services for Synovus Financial Corporation, was selected by a prestigious panel of judges. Hanley is a seasoned professional whose project management experience includes over 15 years in the business and technology domains as well as a successful track record of delivery that includes business transformation, divestiture and large-scale \$100M+ projects.

"The Kerzner Award has influenced me to gain a broader understanding of project management and its greater potential in business," stated Hanley. "It has inspired me to dedicate more of my time to supporting the expansion of project management into businesses in order to drive value and significant results for any company. I truly believe that project management creates a sustainable competitive advantage that results in world-class companies and true leaders."

The award was presented jointly by E. LaVerne Johnson, founder, president and CEO of IIL, and Kerzner during a global webcast celebrating the 4th Annual International Project Management Day on November 6, 2008. The event, attended by project managers from all over the world, featured key thought leaders in project management such as Greg Balestrero, CEO of the Project Management Institute, and Ed Hoffman, director of the NASA Academy of Program, Project & Engineering Leadership, among others. The IPM Day program, "*Leading Projects in a Changing World*," focused on the value of leveraging project management as a core competency and on project management excellence.