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**Kirk Kordeleski, President/CEO of Bethpage Federal Credit Union
Receives “2008 Spirit of L.I.” Award**

Sea Cliff resident recognized for contributions to the region

(Bethpage, NY... November 24) Kirk Kordeleski, president & CEO of Bethpage Federal Credit Union, has been recognized with a 2008 Spirit of L.I. award from Promote Long Island and the Long Island Association (LIA). The two organizations joined forces this year to present five Spirit award winners during a breakfast program last month “to recognize outstanding citizens of Long Island who have contributed through their actions and good deeds towards making our Island region one of the finest places in the world to live, work, do business and play.”

“Promote Long Island and the LIA are fine organizations determined to do their part in sustaining our region,” said Kordeleski. “I am proud to be among those selected for this distinction.”

Kirk Kordeleski is active on Long Island, looking for solutions to such regional problems as next generation housing and educational opportunities. He is chair of the Board of Directors of Project GRAD Long Island, and serves on the Board of Friends of the Arts (FOTA), United Way of Long Island, Nassau County Museum of Art, and USNet, a shared service center network. He was appointed chairman of the Next Generation Housing Committee in partnership with the LIA. In 2003, he was appointed as one of the two credit union members on the Federal Reserve Board’s Thrift Institutions Advisory Council. He serves as Chairman of the Board for Open Technology Solutions, LLC, and as President of Bethpage Management Services, LLC. He sits on the Credit Union National Association’s Governmental Affairs Committee and the Council of Advisors for Community Development Corporation of Long Island.

Under Kordeleski's leadership, Bethpage Federal Credit Union has grown to become the area's largest credit union, with \$3 billion in assets, 19 branch locations, and over 140,000 members.

A resident of Sea Cliff, NY, Kordeleski has been honored by institutions and organizations for his regional leadership; including, among others: Adelphi University, Education and Assistance Corp, and The Mentoring Partnership of Long Island. For the last three years, Kirk has been named as one of Long Island Business News' *Top 100 Most Influential Long Islanders*.

About Bethpage Federal Credit Union: A credit union with over 140,000 members and more than \$3 billion in assets, Bethpage maintains branches in Bay Shore, Bethpage, Commack, Elmont, Farmingdale, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Huntington, Levittown, Lynbrook, Massapequa, Melville, North Babylon, Port Jefferson, Riverhead and Smithtown with no-surcharge ATM access at more than 35 Shared Service Centers, King Kullen Grocery Stores, 7-Eleven Convenience Stores, Walgreen's Pharmacies and Costco Wholesalers. For more, visit www.bethpagefcu.com

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