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Good News for Chamber Members

National study: *Consumers 63% more likely to buy from chamber members.*

WASHINGTON—A national study by The Schapiro Group, an Atlanta-based market research firm, reveals a number of important findings about how consumers and business owners perceive the local chamber of commerce and the businesses that are their members. For example:

- ▶ When consumers know that a business is a member of the local chamber, they are **44%** more likely to think favorably about it.
- ▶ Consumers who are told that a business is a chamber member are **51%** more likely to be highly aware of it and **57%** more likely to think positively of its local reputation.
- ▶ Consumers are **63%** more likely to buy goods and services in the future from a company that they believe is a member of the local chamber of commerce.

The study also has good news for businesses that sell to other businesses.

- ▶ When business decision-makers believe that a business is a chamber member, they are **37%** more likely to think favorably of the business, **51%** more likely to be highly aware of it, **58%** more likely to think positively of its local reputation, and **59%** more likely to buy goods and services from it.

Supporting the previous findings, the study also reveals a positive perception for the local chamber itself:

- ▶ Regarding the chamber's impact on the local economy, **82%** of respondents believe that the local chamber of commerce helps create jobs and promotes local economic development.

The results of the Schapiro study are clear: Positive perception increases among consumers and business owners when a business is identified as a member of the local chamber of commerce.

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