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WHAT BUSINESS LEADERS ARE SAYING ABOUT GE CAPITAL'S CHICAGO EXPANSION, MAYOR EMANUEL, AND CHICAGO'S BUSINESS CLIMATE

"GE Capital's announcement is good news for Chicagoland, its economy and its workforce. This also sends a strong signal that Chicago remains one of the most attractive locations in the country for business."

Miles D. White Chairman and Chief Executive, Abbott

"As one of the largest private employers in Chicago, we applaud Mayor Emanuel's efforts to make Chicago a great city for business. United looks forward to offering GE Capital access to hundreds of destinations across the United States and around the world from our hometown hub at O'Hare." *Jeff Smisek*

President and CEO, United Continental Holdings, Inc.

"It is great news to know that GE Capital is expanding its operations in Chicago. Creation of more jobs is vital to our economic growth." *Andy McKenna Chairman, McDonald's Corporation*

"We are delighted to learn that GE Capital will add 1,000 jobs to Chicago's workforce. We applaud GE for its decision to bring more people to our world-class location known for its close partnerships with the business community. Creating more jobs in the Chicago area should be a high priority for all who do business here."

Greg Brown Chairman & CEO, Motorola Solutions

"Mayor Emanuel's effort and success in bringing GE Capital and a thousand jobs to Chicago is strong evidence of his commitment to jobs and growth. Thanks to Mayor Emanuel's leadership, GE Capital recognized the depth of intellectual power and talent residing in Chicago. We are thrilled at the prospect of collaborating with the mayor on future efforts to promote the City of Chicago as a destination for global companies seeking the best and the brightest workforce." *Gerald Roper*

CEO, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

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