CME Fred Arditti Innovation Award Dinner

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WHEN: Tuesday, January 18, 2005 6:00 p.m. - Reception 7:00 p.m. - Dinner 8:30 p.m. - Award presentation by Craig Donohue, Chief Executive Officer, CME and Leo Melamed, Chairman Emeritus and Senior Policy Advisor, CME

WHY: To present renowned economist and Noble Prize winner William F. Sharpe with the first CME Fred Arditti Innovation Award. CME's award is named after the exchange's former Chief Economist Fred Arditti, who was instrumental in developing CME's Eurodollar futures contract, the world's most actively traded futures contract. The award honors an individual or group whose innovative ideas, products or services have created significant change to markets, commerce or trade.

WHERE: Ritz-Carlton Hotel 160 East Pearson Street Chicago, IL

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