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**Curtis Financial Group, LLC hires  
Paul Yeakel, Jr. as Vice President**

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**Philadelphia, PA - January 16, 2007 --** Curtis Financial Group, LLC is pleased to announce that Mr. Paul Yeakel, Jr. has been hired as a Vice President. With Mr. Yeakel's hiring, Curtis Financial Group's staff has increased to twelve professionals including four Managing Directors and four Vice Presidents.

Mr. Yeakel, who officially joined Curtis Financial Group on January 2, 2007, previously served as a principal at Lighthouse Development Partners, LLC, a real estate development company based in Philadelphia. Mr. Yeakel was responsible for raising capital to acquire and rehabilitate multi-family properties. Previously, Mr. Yeakel worked at CD Ventures and Gatehouse Ventures where he gained several years of investment banking experience, and with Corning, Inc. advising business unit leaders with respect to developing strategic planning initiatives and new business investment opportunities.

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