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MEACO SHARES IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION INFORMATION

MENTOR, OH – **Mentor Economic Assistance Corporation (MEACO)**, a Certified Development Corporation, is having its Annual Dinner on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 6:30 p.m, at LaMalfa Centre, 5783 Heisley Road, Mentor, Ohio. Frank Suponcic, CPA of Skoda, Minotti & Co. will be the guest speaker for the evening. As guest speaker, Mr. Suponcic will discuss the issue of **identity theft** and share information on how to protect yourself.

General Members of MEACO, local bankers, accountants and Mentor businesses that have taken advantage of the SBA 504 loan program are invited to attend the Annual Dinner. The general public is also encouraged to attend this informative Annual Dinner, but reservations are required. For more information and reservations call Julie Schiavoni at 440-974-5739.

For more than 19 years, MEACO has helped new and existing local businesses obtain long-term, low-interest loans for building construction, expansion or new equipment purchases. Working directly with small businesses and their banks to get prompt financing, MEACO also provides valuable assistance to applicants throughout the paperwork process. MEACO has helped finance projects for nearly 60 small and medium-sized businesses, and has resulted in the creation or retention of over 1500 jobs within the City of Mentor.

For more information, or to schedule an interview with Martin Gareau, contact Patricia Daly, Marshfield Group's Vice President of Marketing and Design Communications, at 440-974-8448.

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