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*Irwin Federman, General Partner of U.S. Venture Partners to receive  
2008 Special Achievement Award*

**Presented at IBF's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Venture Capital Investing Conference**

Menlo Park, CA – May 7, 2008 - IBF Conferences' 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Venture Capital Investing 2008 conference will provide a window on the environment for global venture capital investing. More than 500 private equity investors and venture capitalists will gather to hear the latest strategies used by their peers during the conference, which is taking place on June 10-12, 2008 at The Palace Hotel in San Francisco, California.

The 2008 Special Achievement Award is being given to Irwin Federman, General Partner of U.S. Venture Partners, who now joins a select group of extraordinary individuals, whose contribution has set a standard of accomplishment worthy of recognition. Past recipients include David Morgenthaler, John Mumford, and Reid Dennis. The presentation ceremony will take place at 9:00 am on June 11<sup>th</sup> at The Palace Hotel.

This historic conference features over one hundred seasoned venture investors as speakers, who will share industry perspectives and deal structure strategies. Participants include Richard Kramlich, Gary Morgenthaler, Lip-Bu Tan, Howard Hartenbaum, Mark Perry, Cameron Lestor, Barry Taylor, Rob Coneybeer, Bob Grady, David Chou, Navin Chaddha, Vince Occhipinti, Matthew Howard, Ira Ehrenpreis, Ajit Nzare.

“Venture capital is a force which accelerates change and has enabled the U.S. to be at the forefront of technology innovation,” said Dixon Doll, conference chairman. “Now faced with a rapidly developing global market, U.S. private equity firms are faced with the challenge of operating on a global basis. The venture imperative is to spot emerging trends early, support the growth of

portfolio companies globally and tap the exit opportunities that exist internationally. Our philosophy of creating and profiting from innovative technologies can only continue if we remain synchronized with evolving business strategies and market intelligence.”

During the three-day conference top tier industry veterans will participate on interactive panels to discuss industry trends and share best practices and strategies for creating value, maximizing returns, ensuring successful fundraising and optimizing exits.

Keynote discussion topics include:

- The View From Silicon Valley: On Building Companies In 2008 & Building The Venture Firm
- Strategies For Surviving & Thriving In An Economic Downtown
- How Are VCs Capitalizing & Leveraging Geographies
- Early Stage: Is It A Good Time To Invest In Innovation
- The Economic Environment & Its Impact On Exits & Liquidity
- Financing Strategies Through Growth Cycles (Early vs. Later)
- On Angels' Wings: The Growing Importance Of Angel Investors
- Life Sciences Without Borders: Addressing The Areas Of Growth
- Institutions Speak Out: What Is Happening In Venture Capital
- Flight To Quality: Assessing Top Managers
- The LP Perspective: Challenges And Opportunities, Venture Capital & Private Equity
- The Future Of Cleantech
- Secondary Market Investing: The PE Industry's Silver Lining
- Risk/Return Issues For The Venture Capital Asset Class
- The Limited Partner Appraisal On Emerging Managers
- The Institutional Investor Performance Puzzle: Benchmarking In 2008

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