



Erie Insurance Enhances Web Site with Agent Locator Service

Erie, Pa. --- August 11, 1999 --- Erie Insurance Group, one of the nation's top property/casualty insurance companies, has introduced an enhanced Agent Locator service on the company's Web site. The Agent Locator enables visitors to the site to retrieve a list of independent agents who represent The ERIE in a particular county and state -- as well as view a map to a selected agent's office. The Agent Locator also includes personalized Web pages for each of the more than 1,200 agencies that represent Erie Insurance Group. Internet users can contact an agent via e-mail with this enhanced service.

"Erie Insurance Online is designed to link people to professional insurance advisors in their own communities," said Stephen A. Milne, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We believe independent agents can help people make wise decisions about their auto, home, business and life insurance needs. Internet technology enables us to educate and inform consumers and connect them with local insurance agents who can provide the superior face-to-face service that ERIE is noted for."

The ERIE's Web site also includes helpful consumer information, such as excerpts from the company's Policyholder magazine, In Sync, and an extensive Insurance Library which links to industry resources on the Internet. Another popular feature of Erie Insurance Online is the 1999 Safe Car Guide, which includes a list of vehicles that pass six tough safety standards. The online Car Guide, produced annually since 1996, helps consumers with their car-buying decisions. Safety features and low repair costs provide consumers with the best insurance rates.

Known for competitive rates and superior service, Erie Insurance Group is the 17th largest property/casualty group and the 12th largest auto insurer in the country with more than 2.6 million policyholders. Erie Indemnity Company (NASDAQ - ERIE) is the management company for Erie Insurance Group. Headquartered in Erie, Pa. since 1925, Erie Insurance Group includes seven companies operating in 10 states and the District of Columbia. The ERIE provides auto, home, business and life insurance through more than 5,500 independent agents. For more information and a listing of independent agents representing