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Erie Insurance continues to strengthen leadership team with new appointments in finance, IT

(Erie, Pa.) April 24, 2013 - [Erie Insurance](#) is pleased to announce the following business leadership appointments:

- **Scott Beilharz, Vice President of Capital Management and Investor Relations.** In this role, Beilharz will direct and manage the capital management, rating agency and investor relations functions at ERIE. Beilharz joined ERIE in April 2010 as a senior finance business partner in the Commercial division before being promoted to director of capital management in March 2012. Beilharz brings over 20 years of finance experience to the role. He earned his bachelor's degree in finance from The Ohio State University and his MBA from the University of Dayton.
- **Brad Eastwood, Senior Vice President and Chief Actuary.** In this role, Eastwood will oversee ERIE's actuarial policies, programs and activities for the property/casualty lines of business. Eastwood joins ERIE following a 15-year career at Zenith Insurance Company where he most recently held the position of senior vice president of corporate underwriting. Prior to his work at Zenith, Eastwood held actuarial positions at Riscorp, Inc., Royal Insurance Company of America, and Aetna. Eastwood earned a bachelor's degree in operations research and systems analysis from the University of North Carolina. He is a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.
- **Ruben Fechner, Senior Vice President of Business Applications and Support, IT.** Fechner joins ERIE from The Hartford where he most recently served as the vice president of commercial, sales and distribution technology. He began his IT career at USAA, where he held a variety of leadership and technology roles over a 20-year period, including senior vice president of programs and projects. Fechner is a veteran of the United States Air Force and holds a bachelor's degree in computer science from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.
- **Rob Zehr, Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management.** Zehr joined the ERIE family in 2000 and held a variety of actuarial positions before accepting a role with Enterprise Risk Management in 2010. He has led the Enterprise Risk team in an interim role since mid 2012. Zehr holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Binghamton University and a master's in education from SUNY Potsdam. He is a Fellow with the Actuarial Society.

According to A.M. Best Company, Erie Insurance Group, based in Erie, Pennsylvania, is the 15th largest homeowners insurer and 12th largest automobile insurer in the United States based on direct premiums written and the 20th largest property/casualty insurer in the United States based on total lines net premium written. The Group, rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best Company, has more than 4.6 million policies in force and operates in 11 states and the District of Columbia. Erie Insurance Group is a FORTUNE 500 company. Erie Insurance is proud to be named a J.D. Power and Associates' [2012 Customer Service Champion](#). ERIE is one of only 50 U.S. companies so named. Erie Insurance is also recognized on the list of Ward's 50 Group of top performing insurance companies, which analyzes the financial performance of 3,000 property and casualty companies and recognizes the top performers for achieving outstanding results in safety, consistency and financial performance over a five-year period (2007-2011).

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