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## MEDIA ADVISORY UNH Professor Unveils Economic Outlook for New England at Conference Nov. 10

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**WHAT:** Ross Gittell, professor of management, the James R. Carter Professor at University of New Hampshire, and New England Economic Partnership (NEEP) vice president, will unveil the economic outlook for New England at NEEP's fall conference.

WHEN: 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004

**WHERE:** The Wyndham Westborough Hotel, 5400 Computer Drive, Westborough, Mass. Located at the junction of I-495 and U.S. Route 9, just north of the Massachusetts Turnpike (exit 11A). From Route 495 north or south, take exit 23B, which is Route 9 West, then first exit onto Computer Drive/Research Drive. Bear right off ramp. The hotel is 1/2 mile on the left.

**BACKGROUND:** Gittell will forecast the New England region's expected overall economic activity and employment growth in the short and long-term. His analysis will include state-by-state information and be followed with more in-depth discussions for each state. Gittell will present in-depth analysis of the region's high-tech sector, which is the focus of the NEEP conference, "Choosing to Lead: Winning the Race for R&D Leadership and New Economy Jobs." He also will provide growth forecasts for key sectors of the New England economy, including education, health services, leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, manufacturing, trade, transportation and utilities.

The New England Economic Partnership is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing objective economic analyses and forecasts for more than 25 years.

NEWS EDITORS: If you would like to attend Professor Ross Gittell's presentation, please confirm with Carol Hazerjian with the New England Economic Partnership at 508-660-1968 or e-mail at <u>hazerj@att.net</u>. For more information, visit <u>http://www.neepecon.org</u>.