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SLC business research firm names new CEO -- The Center for Economic & Industry Research LLC, formerly known as CEIR, named Gary E. Jones its chief executive officer.

Jones, known in the financial community as an expert in business valuation, evaluated the business strategies of the Salt Lake City-based data transmission and business research company, and revamped its Web site, www.keyvaluedata.com.

During his 35-year career, he served as a partner with Petrinovich, Pugh & Jones, a CPA firm in the San Francisco Bay Area. He is an active member of several professional and service organizations, and is an award-winning member of the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts.

Dental Select CEO named finalist in 2006 entrepreneurial contest -- Dental Select, a Salt Lake City-based dental benefits provider said Brent Williams, its president and chief executive, was named a finalist in the 2006 Utah Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year awards. Dental Select has more than 250,000 members in Utah and Texas and provides dental benefits to more than 4,000 companies. The winners will be announced on June 16 at an awards banquet at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

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