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**LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
INDUCTS TWO AREA LEADERS INTO THE HALL OF FAME**

**EDWARDSVILLE, ILL., OCT. 26, 2000...**The Labor-Management Committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois tonight inducted George Goeddey, Apprenticeship & Training Representative with the U.S. Department of Labor and Gayle Johnson, former CEO of Shell Oil Company, Wood River Refinery, now Tosca, into the Labor and Management Hall of Fame.

The Labor and Management Hall of Fame recognizes and honors individuals who have contributed to the improvement of union and management relationships leading to employment stability, labor and management cooperation and economic development in Southwestern Illinois.

Goeddey was honored for his contribution towards encouraging the growth and stability of the region, especially in terms of his workforce development efforts as Apprenticeship and Training Representative with the U.S. Department of Labor and through his work with local Education To Careers and Career Expo programs. Through these programs, Goeddey has played an active role in helping young people in Southwestern Illinois develop successful careers while improving workforce preparation in the community.

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Johnson was honored for his leadership and tireless efforts to help keep Shell Oil Company at its Wood River location. His leadership as CEO came at a critical juncture in the refinery's long history as one of the most important employers in Southwestern Illinois. He led the effort to create a model labor-management environment which resulted in saving the plant, hundreds of jobs and securing the well being of the surrounding community for years to come.

“We are very pleased to have had the opportunity to honor these individuals for their efforts in helping make Southwestern Illinois a great place to do business,” said Dr. Marv Finkelstein, executive director of the Labor-Management Committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois. “Their hard work and dedication to Southwestern Illinois has helped create a positive labor and management environment for the entire region.”

During their remarks at the ceremony, Goeddey and Johnson both emphasized the importance of placing trust and value in people and that respect is the key to good relationships in the workplace, and in life in general.

Past Hall of Fame inductees include William Weier, Buddy Davis, Bob Dosier, Byron Farrell, Paul Fultz, Paul Sultan, Dean Turner and Harold Wright.

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