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**LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE GOES ONLINE BUILDING THE  
TRADITION OF LABOR MANAGEMENT COOPERATION**

**ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH 10, 2001 . . .** In efforts to continue to build the great tradition of labor and management cooperation, the Labor-Management Committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois has gone online to offer useful resources to labor and management professionals and practitioners in Southwestern Illinois and throughout the State of Illinois.

“This Web site is designed to be a useful tool for those interested in fostering positive labor and management relations,” stated Marv Finkelstein executive director of the Labor Management Committee of the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois.

Located at [www.ezl.com/lmc](http://www.ezl.com/lmc), this innovative Web site proves to be an excellent resource for individuals looking for tips on labor management cooperation and communication. The site provides information about what the Labor-Management Committee can do for companies through training programs, educational programs and other services, such as assisting organizations with avoiding work stoppages and special research on information ranging from on-site childcare facilities to sexual harassment to workers compensation.

The site also offers examples of labor and management working together in Southwestern Illinois, a start-up guide for worksite labor-management committees, a commission on the future of worker-management relations, information about the region, labor and management education and mediation and arbitration services, background on the Labor-Management Committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois and links to management, government agencies, employment and a variety of other sites.

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## **Labor Management Committee Online First and Final Add**

“We have had a large number of hits on our site, due in large to how resourceful it has proven to be,” stated Finkelstein. “Visitors log on and have all the latest information on labor-management cooperation, with just the click of a mouse.”

Southwestern Illinois’ unemployment is at a low rate, there are fewer and fewer work stoppages throughout the area and economic development seems to be at an all-time high. These strides are not a matter of coincidence, but rather the result of hard work and dedication of the members of the Labor-Management Committee and grass-root efforts of several local organizations.

“The Labor-Management Committee’s Web site has allowed us to reach out to businesses, corporations, and organizations nation-wide in hopes of fostering the same positive labor and management relations that exist here in Southwestern Illinois,” stated Finkelstein.

The Labor-Management Committee is made up of 12 labor, 12 management and two ex officio members, the committee works by consensus towards common goals and initiatives outlined and funded by grants provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA). The Committee is the first committee formed by the Leadership Council in 1983 and the longest, continuously operating labor management committee in the State of Illinois.

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