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**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL COMMITTEE INDUCTS KICIELINSKI AND
HARRICK INTO THE LABOR-MANAGEMENT HALL OF FAME**

EDWARDSVILLE, ILL., Nov. 7, 2002 . . . Members of the Labor-Management Committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois recently inducted Ed Harrick, arbitrator and professor emeritus at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) and Tadas Kicielinski, executive assistant to the general president of the Iron Workers International Union into the Labor-Management Hall of Fame. In the presence of friends, family and labor-management representatives from throughout the region, the two leaders were honored for their extraordinary contributions to labor-management cooperation in southwestern Illinois. The ceremony was held at the University Restaurant at SIUE on Nov. 7, 2002.

Harrick was honored for his dedication over the past twenty years to promoting labor-management cooperation in southwestern Illinois and to building the Labor-Management Committee of the Leadership Council into one of the most successful committees of its kind. As former executive director of the Labor-Management Committee, Harrick is credited as the creator of the Committee's quarterly newsletter and website and for establishing many of the Committee's projects and programs, such as the Labor Industry Museum, the Bill Weier Award Ceremony, and the Labor-Management Hall of Fame Ceremony, for which he is now being honored. Harrick also served as chair of the Management Department at SIUE and was the recipient of the university's Teaching Excellence award. He is the founder of the SIUE Center for Management Studies and the Labor Management Program, both of which provide services to businesses and unions. He has been recognized for his efforts by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Industrial Relations Research Association and the Human Resource Association, to name a few.

During the introduction of Harrick, SIUE Chancellor David Werner spoke of the past 30 years in which he has been a friend of Harrick's and highlighted the professor's years of dedication and accomplishments. "Ed Harrick has the unusual ability to see issues from another person's perspective—the ability to 'walk in their shoes.' That ability is a key to success in any field, but an invaluable asset in labor-management, and it is why he is so admired for the quality of his work."

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Marvin Finkelstein, executive director of the Labor-Management Committee also commented on how Harrick is a great role model and mentor to him. “When I first came to SIUE and recognized that I was interested in getting involved in Labor-Management issues, Ed Harrick took me under his wing and offered to help me in any way he could. I really appreciated that. That’s just the type of guy Ed is and he has helped me tremendously,” said Finkelstein.

Kicielinski was recognized as one of the most prominent and respected labor leaders to have served working people and their unions in southwestern Illinois. Kicienski has served as both co-chair and member of the Labor-Management Committee for nearly a decade. He now serves as executive assistant to the general president of the Iron Workers International Union in Washington, D.C. While in southwestern Illinois, he served as a member of the board of directors of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association and River Bend Growth Association. He assisted Governor Ryan in planning the transportation needs for the state and was co-chair of the committee to expand Metrolink into Illinois.

Joe Hunt, president of the Iron Workers International Union, flew in from Washington, D.C. to help introduce Kicielinski and offer a few remarks about their long-time friendship and new working relationship. “We have been friends for a long time and when I had the opportunity to hire my executive assistant, Tadas was the best candidate for the job.”

As new inductees into the Labor-Management Hall of Fame, Harrick and Kicielinski join the ranks of some of Southwestern Illinois most appreciated and illustrious labor and management leaders. Past Hall of Fame inductees include George Goeddey, Gayle Johnson, William Weier, Buddy Davis, Bob Dosier, Byron Farrell, Paul Fultz, Paul Sultan, Dean Turner and Harold Wright.

The Labor-Management Committee is made up of 12 labor, 12 management and two ex-officio members from companies and unions throughout Southwestern Illinois. The committee strives to promote labor and management cooperation and communication in an effort to improve the labor and management image in Southwestern Illinois. Founded in 1983 as the first committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, the Labor Management Committee is the longest, continuously operating labor-management committee in the State of Illinois.

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