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**THURSTON AND WILSON ELECTED CO-CHAIRS OF THE
LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS**

EDWARDSVILLE, ILL., October 12, 2005... At the most recent assembly of the Labor Management Committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, William Thurston of Belleville, Ill., and Ronald Wilson of Creve Couer, Mo., were elected as co-chairs. Thurston and Wilson are leaders in the labor management community and will now work together to take charge of cooperative efforts at a time of uncertainty and change. Their challenge will be to continue the labor management committee's longstanding goal of fostering labor management cooperation during this period of economic uncertainty.

Thurston is the president of the Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council and is a labor representative. Wilson is executive director of The Great Southwestern Illinois Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling-Mechanical Contractors and a representative of management.

Dave Foree, executive secretary/treasurer of the Labor-Management Committee Southwestern Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council, and Doug Dahm, assistant superintendent of Belleville Township High School District 201, are outgoing co-chairs who served in this capacity for the past five years.

The Labor-Management Committee was formed in 1983 by the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois and exists to serve employers and unions in Madison and St. Clair counties in Illinois. For more information about the Labor-Management Committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, please call (618) 650-2681 or visit the Labor-Management Committee new Web site at www.gatewaylabormanagement.org.

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