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LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SINKS HOLE IN ONE AT GOLF TOURNAMENT

$25,000 Raised to Further the Work of the Committee

EDWARDSVILLE, ILL., October 15, 2008 … Amid absolutely perfect weather, more than 115 golfers recently hit the links at Clinton Hill Golf Club driving in more than $25,000 to further the work of the Labor Management Committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois. Those in attendance enjoyed lunch, a full round of game play, a dinner reception and the ability to strengthen working relationships.

Bill Thurston, a co-chair of the Labor Management Committee, commented on the event stating, "The recent golf outing provided an excellent opportunity to meet new people, while furthering existing relationships, in a fun and informal environment. This is key, as the establishment of trusted partnerships helps to foster a positive labor management climate, which we all know impacts economic growth and development."

All monies raised will be allocated towards the work of the Labor Management Committee and its efforts to promote awareness of labor-management cooperation, improve the image of Southwestern Illinois and help it become a region where cooperation is a priority.

Special thanks go out to the tournament's lead sponsors, which included the Southwestern Illinois Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust (LECET), the Southern Illinois Construction Advancement Program (SICAP), the Labor & Employment Relations Association (LERA) Gateway Chapter, Pyramid Electrical Contractors, the Southwestern Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council, J.F. Electric, UMB Bank, United Health Care-Labor & Trust, ConocoPhillips, Amersco and Impact Strategies.

To learn more about the Labor Management Committee, please call Marv Finkelstein at (618) 650-2681 or visit www.gatewaylabormanagement.com.

The Labor Management Committee was formed in 1983 by the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois and exists to represent business, labor, industry, education and government organizations that foster labor-management cooperation. The committee provides a forum for communication, as well as access to training and resources in order to promote a successful business climate and growth in Southwestern Illinois. For more information about the Labor Management Committee of Southwestern Illinois, please call (618) 650-2681 or visit the Labor Management Committee Web site at www.gatewaylabormanagment.org.

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