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THE LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS WELCOMES WESLEY

Edwardsville, Ill., November 24, 2008 ... The Labor Management Committee of the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois today announced that Ray Wesley, the Executive Director of the Council of Owners & Construction Associates (COCA) and resident of Godfrey, Ill., has joined the Committee as a labor representative. He is replacing longtime Committee member and former Executive Director of COCA, Daniel Magruder, who retired last month.

Prior to being appointed as executive director, Wesley worked for two of COCA's Construction Associate members as a project manager and a safety manager. Over the past 15 years he has also actively participated in numerous COCA committees and attended nearly every quarterly meeting, conference and safety training program. In addition to his work with COCA, Wesley's career includes nearly three decades working for Premcor Refinery in various divisions, including construction planning and management of safety and security. Along with his wife Terri, he also formed East Alton, Ill., -based Industrial Rental Service, Inc. Wesley earned his bachelor of science degree in organizational management from Blackburn College, where he graduated cum laude.

Dr. Marv Finkelstein, Executive Director of the Labor Management Committee, commented on the Committee's new addition, stating, "Dan Magruder played several key roles on our committee over the years and we are very thankful to him for his service. We are proud to welcome his successor and are confident that Ray will be an exceptional addition to our committee."

To learn more about the Labor Management Committee visit, www.gatewaylabormanagement.org.

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.

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