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### **2009 CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT FORECAST REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING**

**Edwardsville, IL., January 7, 2009 ...** The Labor Management Committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois today issued a reminder that the registration deadline for its **2009 Construction & Development Forecast** is Monday, January 12, 2009. The event, which is set for Friday, January 16, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Gateway Center in Collinsville, Ill., will feature special guests U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello and Chief Economist for The Associated General Contractors of America Ken Simonson, as well as a panel discussion among local experts. The cost is \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of eight. Those interested can register online at [www.gatewaylabormanagement.org](http://www.gatewaylabormanagement.org).

The **2009 Construction & Development Forecast** is designed to provide insight into the national and regional economy, while spotlighting the impact it is expected to have on varying sectors in our local communities. U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello will present opening remarks. Keynote Ken Simonson will be on hand to address the outlook for construction, both locally and nationally; the availability of stimulus for infrastructure investments, the timeline for the availability of these funds and who will benefit from them; and whether or not material costs will remain well-behaved or spike as they repeatedly did in 2004 through mid-2008.

The event will also feature a panel discussion by local representatives of construction, labor and commercial/residential building industries. Breakfast will be served. A special thank you to our sponsors: Ameren, Southern Illinois Construction Advancement Program and the Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust.

To register or take advantage of sponsorship opportunities log-on to [www.gatewaylabormanagement.org](http://www.gatewaylabormanagement.org) or call the Leadership Council office at 618-692-9745. The registration deadline is Monday, January 12, 2009.

***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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