



## Gateway Labor Management Conference

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### **PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING FOR REGIONAL LABOR MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE ADDRESSING WORKFORCE 2012: ARE WE READY?**

*Event to Feature Glenn Poshard, Scot Beckenbaugh, Gordon Graham and Russ Signorino*

**EDWARDSVILLE, ILL., August 8, 2007** ... Rapidly changing workforce demographics have positioned workforce availability among the most pivotal issues facing the future of our region. To remain a desirable marketplace capable of attracting new investment and new industry, cities, unions, companies on both sides of the river must work collaboratively. To get the ball rolling, hundreds of representatives of government, education, labor and management are expected to gather for the Labor Management Committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois' upcoming conference "**Workforce 2012: Are We Ready.**" The conference is slated for Sept. 20–21 at the Gateway Center in Collinsville, Ill. **The pre-registration deadline is Saturday, Sept 1.** The conference fee for those who register on or before Sept. 1 is \$150 and is increased to \$190 thereafter.

The labor management conference is designed to arm those in attendance with a better understanding of the importance of this issue and the mindset needed to tackle it. President of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Glenn Poshard, will provide the keynote address which will focus on the importance of education and training. Other featured speakers include: Deputy Director of Federal Mediation Conciliation Services, Scot Beckenbaugh, who will examine the scope of this issue from a national perspective; Vice-President of the United Way, Russ Signorino, who will highlight local workforce trends; and nationally-renowned Motivational Speaker, Gordon Graham, who will speak on the topic of "navigating change." Those in attendance will also be able to take part in concurrent workshops on topics relative to this issue.

Those interested in attending the event or becoming a sponsor can call Rebecca Boulware at (618) 530-6115 or log on to [www.gatewaylabormanagement.org](http://www.gatewaylabormanagement.org).

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