



## Media Alert

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### LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO HOST 2009 CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT FORECAST

***U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello and Chief Economist of the Associated General Contractors of America, Ken Simonson, among some of the Special Guests***

**WHO:** U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello; Ken Simonson, Chief Economist of the Associated General Contractors of America; Tim Garvey, Executive Director of the Southern Illinois Builders Association; Mike Carrigan, President of the Illinois AFL-CIO; Russ Henke, Principal of Contegra Construction; Bruce Holland, President of Holland Construction; Tadas Kicielinski, General Vice President of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers; Mark Selby, International Vice President of the Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers; Ron Padgett, Executive Officer of the Illinois Home Builders Association; the executive director, co-chairs and members of the Labor Management Committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois; and more than 220 registered attendees from our region.

**WHAT:** 2009 Construction & Development Forecast

**WHEN:** Friday, January 16, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Gateway Center in Collinsville, Ill.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** To provide insight into the national and regional economy, while spotlighting the impact it is expected to have on varying sectors of 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 wrap up with a panel discussion by local representatives of construction, labor and commercial/residential building industries including: Mike Carrigan, President of the Illinois AFL-CIO; Russ Henke, Principal of Contegra Construction; Bruce Holland, President of Holland Construction; Tadas Kicielinski, General Vice President of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers; Mark Selby, International Vice President of the Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers; and Ron Padgett, Executive Officer of the Illinois Home Builders Association. Breakfast will be served. Event sponsors include Ameren, the Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust, River's Edge, Southern Illinois Construction Advancement Program and the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois. For more information, contact Marv Finkelstein call 618-650-2681.

***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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**Editor's Note:** Please call Kelly Harris or Julie Hauser at The Hauser Group at 314-436-9090 if you or someone from your staff plans to cover the event. Thank you.