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Lugar to Award Wabash National Corporation with U.S. Senate Productivity Award Runners-up - Crown International and Digital Audio Disc Corporation Also to Receive Awards from Lugar

INDIANAPOLIS – On October 18, 2004, the Indiana Manufacturers Association (IMA) and the Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) will host "Journeys in Productivity," an inside look at the productivity improvement journeys and methods of three top Indiana companies. In addition, Senator Richard G. Lugar will present awards to Wabash National Corporation, winner of the U.S. Senate Productivity Award and runners-up, Crown International and Digital Audio Disc Corporation.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with presentations from Wabash National Corporation, Crown International and Digital Audio Disc Corporation. Come and learn how three of Indiana's top companies have increased productivity and made an impact on their employees, their facilities and their bottom line. Hear about their journeys, methods and successes using the latest techniques and tools. A question and answer period will follow the presentations.

At approximately 10:45 a.m., Senator Richard G. Lugar will a short speech and present Wabash National Corporation with the U.S. Senate Productivity Medallion. He will also present plaques to the runners-up, Crown International and Digital Audio Disc Corporation.

The U.S. Senate Productivity Award was established to recognize and honor organizations that are using particularly effective productivity improvement techniques, practices or processes which should be shared with other organizations in the hope that they will be replicated and help contribute to national productivity improvement. The competition is held annually and is sponsored by Senator Lugar, the Indiana Manufacturers Association and the Association for Manufacturing Excellence. Both IMA and AME personnel will be available to answer questions about the award application and evaluation process for the upcoming year.

Admission is free and members of the press are also welcome. At present, the meeting location is at the IMA offices at One American Square, Suite 2400, Indianapolis, IN 46282. Should attendance exceed room capacity, the meeting will be moved and notification will be given to those who have registered to attend. *If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Charlene Hickey of the IMA at chickey@imaweb.com or at 800-462-7762.* Directions will be given upon request.