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Union Ironworkers Soaring Achievements are Awarded

*Eagle Award of Achievement Exemplifies
Highest Level of Performance by Local Ironworker Unions*

WASHINGTON DC (February 24, 2009) – The skilled tradesmen who do more than you can imagine – **Union Ironworkers** – recently announced the recipients of the 2009 Eagle Awards of Achievement at the 2009 Ironworker Labor Management Conference in Las Vegas. The award showcases the performance excellence of Local Ironworker Unions, which are based on the Ironworker Key Performance Indicators (KPI).

“These awards highlight the dedication and effort our Local Union leaders employ on a daily basis to continually provide our contractors and owners with a safe, well-trained workforce in an effort to expand market share for our proud Union and increase work opportunities for our members,” said Walter Wise, general secretary of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers.

The Ironworker KPI program serves as a benchmark for measuring and evaluating the performance of Local Unions throughout the United States and Canada. The program also ensures contractors have at their disposal workers who continually achieve the highest level of professionalism and commitment while on the job.

The KPI's, fifteen in all, represent key goals in five major areas specific to the Ironworking trade – Apprenticeship and Training, Market Recovery, Political Action, Workforce Productivity and Local Union Operations. **Since the inception of the KPI program in June 2007, Union Ironworkers have enjoyed the largest percentage growth of any Building Trades Union based on employment.** Since 2005, Union Ironworkers saw employment opportunities grow 12.02% while the construction industry saw a loss of 6.85%.

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Eagle Award of Achievement winners were judged on their ability to achieve sustained improvement on the fifteen KPI's over the past year. The 2009 Eagle Award of Achievement recipients are:

- Ironworkers Local Union No. 3, Pittsburgh, PA
- Ironworkers Local Union No. 14, Spokane, WA
- Ironworkers Local Union No. 22, Indianapolis, IN
- Ironworkers Local Union No. 40, New York, NY
- Ironworkers Local Union No. 201, Washington, DC
- Ironworkers Local Union No. 361, New York, NY
- Ironworkers Local Union No. 397, Tampa, FL
- Ironworkers Local Union No. 405, Philadelphia, PA
- Ironworkers Local Union No. 433, Los Angeles, CA

Ironworkers Local Union No. 40, New York City and Ironworkers Local Union No. 361, New York City were recognized as a member of the 15x5 Club. The 15x5 Club signifies that these local unions received a score of five, our highest rating, for each of the fifteen KPI goals.

Union Ironworkers will continue to annually recognize Local Unions who achieve performance excellence at upcoming Labor Management Conferences.

About Union Ironworkers

Members of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers are part of the construction trades. It is their job to unload, erect and connect steel beams that form the skeleton of a structure in addition to working in precast concrete, metal buildings, reinforcing steel, ornamental iron and metal curtain wall construction. Throughout the United States and Canada there are over 120,000 union Ironworkers in local hiring halls and fabrication shops. More information can be found at www.Ironworkers.org or www.IMPACT-net.org.

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