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THE LINCOLN FOUNDATION FOR PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE
ANNOUNCES 2004 AWARD RECIPIENTS

NAPERVILLE, IL -- The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence announced the 2004 recipients of its three-tiered award process based on the Criteria for Performance Excellence of the Baldrige National Quality Program.

The Lincoln Foundation has awarded **OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center**, located in Pontiac, the 2004 Lincoln Silver Award for Progress Towards Excellence. Organizations awarded the Silver Progress Towards Excellence level are recongnized for demonstrating sound and notable continuous improvement processes.

Eight other Illinois organizations are recognized with the 2004 Lincoln Bronze Award for Commitment to Excellence for their earnest efforts to adopt and apply continuous improvement principles. These organizations are as follows: **Akzo Nobel Aerospace Coatings** – Waukegan; **Bison Gear & Engineering Corp.** – Saint Charles; **Forest View Elementary School** – Mt. Prospect; **MTM Recognition** – Princeton; **Mundelein High School District 120** – Mundelein; **Preco Electronics, Inc.** – Morton; **Robert Frost Elementary School** – Mt. Prospect; and **Salt Creek Elementary School** – Elk Grove Village.

“We are proud to honor this year’s recipients” says Paul G. Kuchuris, Jr., President and CEO of The Lincoln Foundation. “These organizations embody the values of excellence, and a commitment to employees, partners, and community. Using the Lincoln criteria, they are leading the way to a future

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filled with progress and prosperity to help ensure that our state will continue to create and maintain great jobs and build a bright future for Illinois. The Lincoln Foundation recognizes Illinois businesses, schools, and healthcare organizations who have embarked on a journey to excellence and reminds us that performance excellence is vital to our State's continued strength and well-being.”

Award recipients will be formally honored at The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence Tenth Annual Recognition Ceremony, hosted by Michael J. Birck, Tellabs' Chairman & CEO, held at 5:00pm on December 15, 2004 at Tellabs, Inc. in Naperville. The Lincoln Foundation will also honor Marie E. Sinioris, President and CEO of The National Center for Healthcare Leadership and David F. Craigmile, Trustee of ELKAY Manufacturing Company with the 2004 Excellence in Leadership Award at the event. Dr. Robert A. McKanna, Superintendent of Schools at Community Consolidated School District 15, recipient of the 2003 National Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award, will present the keynote address. Bill Kurtis, the anchor of three A&E Network series, including the Emmy Award-winning "Investigative Reports," is scheduled to emcee the event.

The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence is a not-for-profit organization that assists Illinois organizations to strive for performance excellence by planning and implementing sound management processes. Each year a select Lincoln Board of Examiners review and assess award applications in seven areas (leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, information and analysis, human resource focus, process management, and results) and a Panel of Judges determines which applicants have earned recognition. For more information about attending the Recognition Ceremony or how your organization can benefit from The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence, call 630-637-1595, visit our website at www.lincolnaward.org, or write to The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence, 1415 West Diehl Rd., MS 514, Naperville, IL 60563.

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Silver Recipient:

OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center
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Bronze Recipients:

Akzo Nobel Aerospace Coatings
Eileen Randle, Marketing Services Manager
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Forest View Elementary School
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MTM Recognition
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Preco Electronics, Inc
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Robert Frost Elementary School
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Salt Creek Elementary School
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