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### **American College of Healthcare Executives Awarded 2011 Bronze Award for “Commitment to Excellence” from Illinois Performance Excellence**

Naperville, IL – (December 1, 2011) Illinois Performance Excellence announces American College of Healthcare Executives of Chicago, IL is a recipient of the 2011 Bronze Award for “Commitment to Excellence” for demonstrating sound and notable continuous improvement principles. American College of Healthcare Executives will be formally honored at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual award recognition ceremony, “Saluting Excellence,” on January 20, 2011, held at the Tellabs’ offices located in Naperville.

“Congratulations to American College of Healthcare Executives and all of its employees for its commitment to an on-going journey to excellence,” says Darcy Davidsmeyer, President and CEO of Illinois Performance Excellence. “As a membership organization, ACHE is taking the lead in its industry to address organizational performance and process/resource alignment with the outcome for better efficiencies, focus and overall results.”

Recipients of the ILPEX Bronze Award go to those organizations which have demonstrated earnest efforts to adopt and apply continuous improvement principles, following the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence.

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 35,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE offers its prestigious FACHE® credentials, signifying board certification in healthcare management. ACHE’s established network of more than 80 chapters provides access to networking, education and career development at the local level. In addition, ACHE is known for its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, and its career development and public policy programs. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery. The Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives was established to further advance healthcare management excellence through education and research. The Foundation of ACHE is known for its educational programs; including the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,500 participants and their groundbreaking research. Its publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on health services management including textbooks for college and university courses.

“ACHE is proud to be among the numerous healthcare organizations undertaking a journey to performance excellence through the Baldrige National Quality Award or state-level criteria. Being recognized by Illinois Performance Excellence with a Bronze Award is affirmation that



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ACHE is on a path to fulfilling its desire to be an excellent organization and to model the attributes it would like to see all healthcare organizations achieve.” said Thomas C. Dolan, PhD, FACHE, CAE, President and Chief Executive Officer, American College of Healthcare Executives.

#### About Illinois Performance Excellence

Illinois Performance Excellence (ILPEX) empowers organizations to understand and use the framework of the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence, moving to a systematic “view” which translates into alignment and sustainability. As a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization, ILPEX’s vision is to create a culture of excellence that is pervasive throughout Illinois. For more information on how your organization can benefit from services provided by Illinois Performance Excellence visit [www.ilpex.org](http://www.ilpex.org).

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