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### **Concentric Itasca, Inc. Awarded 2011 Bronze Award for “Commitment to Excellence” from Illinois Performance Excellence**

Naperville, IL (December 1, 2011) - Illinois Performance Excellence announces Concentric Itasca, Inc., of Itasca, IL is a recipient of the 2011 Bronze Award for “Commitment to Excellence” for demonstrating sound and notable continuous improvement principles. Concentric Itasca, Inc. 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 Concentric Itasca, Inc. 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. “Addressing organizational performance and process/resource alignment is the best way to get efficiencies, focus and sustainability within any organization.”

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.

Concentric Itasca, Inc. is the market leader in North America for diesel engine pumps and systems. Recent investments in state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities employ the latest technologies to ensure on-time deliveries of defect-free components. Global sourcing of components and sometimes complete units has enabled the company to maintain an internationally competitive position, while maintaining full local support for logistics, commercial and technical services. The product range includes lubrication, cooling and fuel transfer pumps for industrial, and on and off-highway diesel engines ranging from 1.5 to 30 liters. In addition, Concentric Itasca, Inc. provides engine front cover assemblies for agricultural and truck applications and lubrication charge pumps for compressor and transmission applications.

“It is an honor to receive such a distinguished award. This achievement is a tribute to the hard work and dedication from our employees to meet the needs of our customers with the highest quality products. This award helps reinforce our commitment to continuous improvement,” said Len Mason, Senior Vice President Americas.



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### 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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