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### **Anderson Packaging Inc. Awarded 2011 Silver Award for “Progress toward Excellence” from Illinois Performance Excellence**

Naperville, IL (December 1, 2011) - Illinois Performance Excellence announces Anderson Packaging, Inc. is a recipient of the 2011 Silver Award for “Progress toward Excellence” for demonstrating sound and notable continuous improvement principles. Anderson Packaging, Inc. will be formally honored at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual award recognition ceremony, “Saluting Excellence,” on January 20, 2012, held at the Tellabs’ offices located in Naperville.

“Congratulations to Anderson Packaging, Inc. and all of its employees for its progress 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 Silver Award for “Progress toward Excellence” go to those organizations which have demonstrated effective, systematic well-deployed approaches that respond to the overall requirements of most items in the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence and are aligned with organizational needs which lead to sound and notable continuous improvement toward excellence.

Anderson Packaging, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the AmerisourceBergen Corporation, is the leading service provider in the pharmaceutical and healthcare contract packaging market. Headquartered in Rockford, Illinois, Anderson employs over 1,400 highly trained associates across FDA audited cGMP packaging facilities. Anderson is a preferred supplier to the world’s largest and most successful pharmaceutical and biotech companies, providing services from early phase clinical development through commercialization and long term supply. Anderson Packaging is distinguished in the contract packaging marketplace by a commitment to unparalleled customer service, innovation and technological expertise, and an outstanding regulatory quality profile. They achieve this by an unwavering and systematic approach to continuous improvement involving associates at all levels of the organization. They have grown their business on fostering lasting relationships, earning opportunities through consistent outstanding performance.

“We are truly honored to receive this award” states Shawn Reilly, President of Anderson Packaging and the AmerisourceBergen Packaging Group. “We have always fostered a culture of constant and continuous improvement within our organization. As a company we strive to incorporate the philosophies and methodologies of a performance excellence driven organization into every aspect of our business. We challenge ourselves to provide our



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pharmaceutical, biotech, and healthcare customers the highest quality product and service possible so that they may ultimately deliver lifesaving therapies to patients.”

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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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