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Grand Rapids, MI Express Earns Top Awards at International Conference

Grand Rapids, MI, March 10, 2008 – Express Personnel Services of Grand Rapids earned top honors at the staffing firm's 25th annual International Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn., according to Janis Petrini, Grand Rapids Express franchisee.

The Grand Rapids Express office received awards for excellence and achievement sales, recruitment, worker's compensation reduction and community service. In addition, the Grand Rapids Express office was welcomed into the Bronze Circle of Excellence, which recognizes top performing offices in the Express system.

"It is an honor to be recognized in a company that is an industry leader like Express," said Petrini. "We are grateful for support from the West Michigan community, and we couldn't have received this award without our associates and clients, who trust us daily to fill their employment and staffing needs."

More than 1,300 Express franchisees and their staff attended the company's annual leadership conference Feb. 13-16. It featured three days of learning, networking and training on staffing and workplace issues such as leadership, customer service, retention and team building.

Guest presenters at the conference included Gen. Colin Powell, former secretary of state; Tom Osborne, legendary college football coach; Kevin Carroll, author, speaker and agent for social change; and Christine Cashen, expert on conflict management, stress reduction and energizing employees.

With 600 offices in four countries, Express Personnel Services employs 350,000 annually. Sales for the Oklahoma City-based company totaled nearly \$2 billion in 2007.

Express provides expertise in evaluation and direct hire, temporary staffing, executive recruiting and human resources. Visit www.expresspersonnel.com for more information on the company.

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