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**MICHIGAN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS AND MILL-
WRIGHTS DEEM THIRD MICHIGAN ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS SUM-
MIT A SUCCESS**

APRIL 3, 2009, DETROIT – The Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights (MRCC) wrapped up its third successful Michigan Economic Solutions Summit, which was co-sponsored by the Operating Engineers Local 324, drawing interest from business owners, political leaders and union supporters alike.

The event, held March 19 at the JW Marriot in Grand Rapids, was one of a series of conferences that began last year in an effort to strengthen partnerships among labor, industry, health care and government. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson kicked off the morning discussing the importance of supporting Michigan businesses even as the state's economy struggles to remain viable. David G. Sowerby, vice president and portfolio manager at Loomis, Sayles & Company, kept the conversation going with his interesting and informative take on moving Michigan forward.

John Hamilton, Business Manager & General Vice President of the Operating Engineers Local 324, also spoke at the event, and reiterated unionized labor's commitment to partner with owners creating successful and lasting relationships.

Other summit speakers included: Christopher Schwarz of Entergy Nuclear Plant, Jim Lewis of Consumers Energy, Dianne Byrum of Byrum & Fisk Advocacy Communications and State Representative Brian Calley, who represents the 87th District. The speakers and those in attendance focused on issues related to energy, health care and infrastructure needs in Michigan.

"I am very pleased with the cooperation and participation we gathered for our March summit," said Douglas C. Buckler, executive secretary/treasurer of the MRCC. "We wanted to spread the message that, now more than ever, the MRCC can provide the competitive edge that Michigan's businesses can count on. Our workers are highly-trained and dedicated to safely and efficiently completing every job. We hold our members to the highest standards."

The Michigan Economic Solutions Summit was established by the MRCC as a forum to share ideas and concerns, and to seek solutions that will keep Michigan businesses strong. Previous Summit events were held in June and September 2008. The most recent event brought the same enthusiasm to the West side of the state, reaching a new audience.

To learn more about the MRCC visit www.hammer9.com. To schedule an interview with Douglas C. Buckler, please contact Jim Miller at millerj@publicityworkspr.com or Stephanie A. Casola at scasola@publicityworkspr.com or call 248.691.4466.

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