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TNCPE Announces 2008 Ned R. McWherter Leadership Award Winner Edward J. Scott of Caterpillar receives prestigious honor

The Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence (TNCPE) is pleased to announce that Edward J. Scott, general manager of internal auditing and chief ethics and compliance officer of Caterpillar, Inc., has been named the 2008 Ned R. McWherter Leadership Award Winner.

The Ned R. McWherter Leadership Award annually recognizes an individual who exemplifies outstanding leadership in the pursuit of performance excellence. Winners are dedicated to the principles of the *Criteria for Performance Excellence*, have furthered performance improvement beyond the boundaries of his or her organization and are committed to the core values of the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence program.

As chair of the TNCPE Board of Directors from 2004 to 2006, Scott played an integral role in focusing the board's efforts on sustaining TNCPE's mission. As a result of Scott's dedication, TNCPE continues to empower regional businesses and organizations to pursue excellence, enriching their communities in the process.

"We were so fortunate to have Ed lead our board," said TNCPE President Kathryn Rawls. "During his tenure as chair, TNCPE made great strides, offering services to new sectors of the economy and developing strategies that will allow us to continue our goal—to make Tennessee a better place to live and work—for years to come. Those accomplishments were in no small part due to Ed's guidance and participation."

Nominations for the Ned R. McWherter Leadership Award are solicited from TNCPE member organizations. The award recipient is selected by the executive committee and confirmed by the full board of directors.

"While I am personally honored, I really do accept the Award on behalf of Caterpillar and the company's Financial Products Division in Nashville, where I spent many years," Scott said. "I was simply the flag bearer and representative of Caterpillar's commitment to performance excellence and economic growth in Tennessee."

Scott will officially receive his award at the 2008 Excellence in Tennessee Awards Banquet, held in conjunction with the Excellence in Tennessee Conference, Feb. 20-22 in Franklin, Tenn. For more information about the

Excellence in Tennessee Conference and Banquet, please visit www.tncpe.org.

The non-profit Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence (TNCPE) is an economic development program that uses the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence to improve systems and processes among businesses and organizations throughout Tennessee. For more information about TNCPE or the Excellence in Tennessee Conference and Banquet Feb. 20-22, 2008, please visit www.tncpe.org or contact Katie Rawls, president, at the organization's Nashville office: (800) 453-6474 or katie.rawls@tncpe.org.