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Chicago's French-American Chamber of Commerce Honors Manpower's Joerres as Executive of the Year

Manpower France is company's largest operation

MILWAUKEE, May 9, 2005--The French-American Chamber of Commerce, Chicago Chapter, honored the head of America's most admired staffing agency on Friday, May 6, 2005, when it presented Jeffrey A. Joerres, chairman and CEO of Manpower Inc., with its prestigious Executive of the Year Award. The award is presented annually to an executive who has made significant contributions to fostering commerce and cross-cultural exchange between the United States and France.

"Jeff is a distinguished leader in the employment services industry worldwide, with a strong commitment to furthering French-American business relationships," said Bernard Quancard, president of the 260-member French-American Chamber of Commerce-Chicago. "Manpower's position in France is testimony to his global perspective as well as his dedication to providing quality employment opportunities to the French people."

Nearly 200 guests attended the 13th Annual "La Nuit des Etoiles (Night of the Stars) Executive of the Year" event, which was held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago.

Presenting the Executive of the Year Award was His Excellency Jean-David Levitte, French Ambassador to the United States. Introducing Joerres was Jean-Pierre Lemonnier, executive vice president and managing director of Manpower France and region, who flew in from Paris to attend the event. Other leading French diplomatic and trade officials in the U.S. and France present at the event included Richard Barbeyron, the French Consul in Chicago, Honorary Counsels from eight Midwestern states, and Arnaud Leretour, the French Trade Commissioner from Chicago.

Manpower Inc. (NYSE: MAN) was established in 1948 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and has become a world leader in the employment services industry, offering customers a continuum of services to meet their needs throughout the employment and business cycle. The company specializes in permanent, temporary and contract recruitment; employee assessment; training; career transition; organizational consulting; and professional financial services. Manpower's worldwide network of 4,300 offices in 68 countries and territories enables the company to meet the needs of its 400,000 customers per year, including small and medium size enterprises in all industry sectors, as well as the world's largest multinational corporations. The focus of Manpower's work is on raising productivity through improved quality, efficiency and cost-reduction, enabling customers to concentrate on their core business activities. Manpower France is the company's largest operation in both revenue and profit, followed by the company's U.S. operation. In 2004, more than 608,000 French people found jobs through Manpower France, and it produced US\$5.2 billion in revenues from more than 1,100 branches located throughout the country. Manpower France is currently the fourth largest American company in France, serving more than 80,000 clients across the country.

Joerres was appointed president and CEO of Manpower Inc. in 1999, and chairman of the board in 2001. He joined Manpower Inc. in 1993 as vice president of marketing and then served as senior vice president of European operations and global account management and development. Prior to joining Manpower Inc., Joerres was vice president of sales and marketing for ARI Network Services, and he has held several management positions at IBM. Joerres received a bachelor of science degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The French-American Chamber of Commerce-Chicago is a not-for-profit corporation. The chamber offers activities that address the business needs of its local constituency and facilitates commerce between the United States and France. In addition, the French-American Chamber of Commerce provides a forum for the exchange of information and ideas through its network of respected professionals with a keen understanding of international commerce.

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