



## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **Leading Automotive Supply Chain Association Honors Volunteers with Outstanding Achievement Awards**

***Industry Professionals Collaborate, Dedicating Time and Talent to Develop Standards and Guidelines to Reduce Costs and Improve Quality in Global Automotive Industry Processes***

**Southfield, Mich. Sept. 8, 2008** — The Automotive Industry Action Group (AIAG) is proud to announce the recipients of the Automotive Industry Outstanding Achievement Awards for 2008.

Mariann Anticoli, General Motors Corp.  
Mickey Christensen, TQM Systems  
Mike Comerford, Global Commerce Systems, Inc.  
Peter Denno, National Institute of Standards and Technology  
Jane DeHart, Midwest Health System, Work-Safe Occupational Health  
Christopher Harden, Synapsis Technology, Inc.  
Aidan Hughes, Gates Corp.  
Ken Knoll, Chrysler, LLC  
Paul Kowalski, Chrysler, LLC  
Paul Lewandowski, Lear Corp.  
Brian Lowry, Curtis Metal Finishing Co.  
Terry Onica, QAD  
Monique Oxender, Ford Motor Co.  
Walt Talamonti M.D. MPH, Ford Motor Co.  
Rick Tervo, Chrysler, LLC  
Patricia Toufar

**Lifetime Achievement Award:** *Presented to an individual who has made significant contributions over the course of their professional career.*

Chuck Koehn, Chrysler LLC

**Chuck Koehn Award:** *Presented to an AIAG staff member who has made a significant, lifetime contribution to the organization.*

Pat Snack, General Motors Corp.

The ceremony, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, hosted by the AIAG and sponsored by Chrysler LLC, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, Honda of America



Manufacturing, Inc., International Automotive Oversight Bureau (IAOB) and Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc., will recognize these individuals for their hard work and commitment on behalf of the automotive industry to:

- Apply proven quality tools for performance improvement in the delivery of health care to reduce medical errors
- Standardize the Bill of Lading and advancing global materials management and logistics processes
- Educate the global supply chain on the European Union REACH regulation to reduce the administrative burden on suppliers, improve compliance and minimize the risk of supply chain interruption
- Define quality assessment procedures to reduce errors in manufacturing processes
- Develop EDI messages to streamline communication for Materials Off-Shore Sourcing and long distance supply chain shipments

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### **About AIAG**

The AIAG is a globally recognized organization founded in 1982 by a group of visionary executives from Chrysler, Ford Motor Company, and General Motors. The membership has grown to include prominent automotive OEM and suppliers such as Nissan, Toyota, Honda, Caterpillar Tractor, John Deere Corporation, International Truck Corporation, Daimler, PACCAR and others. Their purpose: To provide members an open forum to cooperate in developing and promoting solutions that enhances the prosperity of the automotive industry.

AIAG members play a unique role in the development of new technologies and the standards that govern their usage. Under the auspices of AIAG, volunteers from all layers of the supply chain work together to resolve issues critical to the automotive supply chain. For more information, please visit the organization's Web site at [www.aiag.org](http://www.aiag.org).

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