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NUCOR'S JOHN FERRIOLA TO ADDRESS ATTENDEES AT AISTECH 2009 — THE IRON & STEEL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION

PITTSBURGH, March 25, 2009 — John J. Ferriola, chief operating officer of steelmaking operations of Nucor Corp., will be the keynote speaker at the AIST President's Award Breakfast, on Tuesday, May 5 at 8 a.m. in the America's Ballroom at the America's Center, St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Ferriola will present the keynote address, "**Back to the Future.**"

John J. Ferriola graduated from the Maritime Academy, State University of New York with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. He began his career with Bethlehem Steel Corp. in 1974 and worked in various operating and management assignments. He joined Nucor Corp. in 1991 as manager of maintenance and engineering at the company's bar mill in Jewett, Texas. In 1995, Ferriola was named general manager of Nucor's joist fabrication division in Grapeland, Texas. Later the same year, he was named vice president and general manager of Nucor's bar mill in Norfolk, Neb. In 1998, he was named vice president and general manager of the Crawfordsville, Ind., sheet mill. At the start of 2002, Ferriola was appointed to executive vice president. His current position, as of Sept. 30, 2007, is chief operating officer of steelmaking operations. Ferriola has been active in AIST for more than 20 years and has served on the board of directors.

The President's Award Breakfast is one of the signature events of AISTech 2009, the premier technology event of the global steel industry. AISTech 2009 will take place May 4–7 in St. Louis with technical presentations and several keynote presentations by today's business leaders. AISTech 2009 promises to be one of the largest gatherings of steel industry personnel in the world this year.

The AISTech 2009 Conference will showcase more than 350 presentations on the latest steel technology. Highlights of the program include the latest environmental technologies throughout the iron and steelmaking process; energy conservation and efficient energy utilization; safe work practices and procedures for production and maintenance; improving the reliability of equipment and process;

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techniques for the project manager; the latest advancements in processing, product development and application of steel; the latest in automation and control systems; and discussions on the considerations of efficient material movement both within the facility and to the customer.

The AISTech 2009 Exposition will feature more than 370 domestic and international companies for an unrivaled display of steel technology.

For more information or to order your tickets for the President's Award Breakfast, call 724.814.3000, ext. 1 or visit www.aistech.org.

AIST is an international technical association of more than 15,100 professional and student members, representing iron and steel producers, their allied suppliers and related academia. The association is dedicated to advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel.

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Editor's Note:

John J. Ferriola, chief operating officer of steelmaking operations, Nucor Corp., and several other steel executives will host a **press conference** following the President's Award Breakfast on May 5. **Complimentary seating** for the President's Award Breakfast is available to members of the media. For more information, or to reserve a space at these events, please call Stacy Varnecky at 724.814.3066.