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Woodward to Sponsor Goodwill Donation Drive as Tough Economy Creates Greater Need

Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois and Wisconsin Stateline Area, Inc. is teaming up with Woodward Governor Company employees April 27 – May 8, 2009 to collect clothing and other gently used items.

"This is a great way for Woodward's employees to help the community. By donating in this time of need, their employees are helping to support our programs which enable many of the people in our communities to experience the self-esteem, independence, empowerment, and pride of work," explains Sam Schmitz, President of Goodwill Northern Illinois. "By donating they are also helping to make our community 'green' by keeping items otherwise discarded out of local landfills. With this event, everyone wins!"

"Woodward is proud to have a long history of supporting United Way projects," says Janet Murphy, Woodward Human Resources Director, Turbine Systems. "It is essential that we continue to do what we can during these tough economic times. We are proud to be part of Goodwill's donation drive."

About Woodward

Woodward is an independent designer, manufacturer, and service provider of energy control and optimization solutions for commercial and military aircraft, turbines, reciprocating engines, and electrical power system equipment. The company's innovative fluid energy, combustion control, electrical energy, and motion control systems help customers offer cleaner, more reliable, and more cost-effective equipment. Leading original equipment manufacturers use our products and services in aerospace, power and process industries, and transportation. Woodward is headquartered in Fort Collins, Colo., USA and serves global markets in aerospace, power and process industries, and transportation. Visit our website at www.woodward.com.

About Goodwill

Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois is a community-based not-for-profit organization that provides education, employment and job placement for persons in need. Goodwill stores in northern Illinois (Rockford, Machesney Park, Freeport, Sterling) and Beloit, Wisconsin employ more than 170 people. Visit our website at www.goodwillni.org.

If your company is interested in hosting a Goodwill Corporate Donation Drive, please contact Sam Schmitz (815) 965-3795.

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*We provide jobs, training, and placement services
for people with barriers to achieve meaningful employment*

