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Michael O. Festge of Amerequip Corporation Named 2009 Outstanding Board of Governors Member by The ESOP Association

May 6, 2009 (Washington, DC) – Michael O. Festge, Chairman of the Amerequip Corporation in Thiensville, Wisconsin, has been named the 2009 Outstanding Board of Governors Member by The ESOP Association. The award was presented at the Association’s 32nd Annual Conference in Washington, DC. The ESOP Association is the national trade association for companies with employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs) and the leading voice in America for employee ownership.

Mr. Festge has been an active member of The ESOP Association for many years serving in numerous volunteer positions over the years. He actively participates in Wisconsin Chapter events and programs and has been a mentor for ESOP companies that want to host their member of Congress at their company.

“Mike is an enthusiastic supporter of the Association and has gone above and beyond in his duties as a member of the Association’s Board of Governors,” said J. Michael Keeling, president of The ESOP Association. “He is leading his Chapter in government relations work and reaching out to companies to help increase understanding of the ESOP concept among members of Congress. I am pleased to present him with this award.”

The core cause of The ESOP Association is the belief that employee ownership will improve American competitiveness, increase productivity through greater employee participation, and strengthen our free enterprise economy.

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