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Unico Designated a Green Supplier Network Partner

Manufacturer completes Missouri Enterprise Association's "Lean and Clean Advantage" process

ST. LOUIS – Unico Inc. has been designated a green supplier partner by the Missouri Enterprise Association and the Green Suppliers Network. Through the network, Unico has the ability to increase efficiency, fuel competitiveness and reduce costs.

Working in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency established the Green Suppliers Network to help small and medium-sized manufacturers stay competitive and profitable while reducing their impact on the environment. The Green Suppliers Network works with manufacturers to engage their suppliers to identify low-cost strategies for improving process lines and using materials more efficiently.

To become a Green Suppliers Network Partner, Unico underwent a technical review. The network, in association with the EPA, audited all aspects of Unico's manufacturing processes, including recycling, power usage and waste. After the review, the government recommended improvements Unico could implement to make its processes even more environmentally friendly.

"Unico is proud to be the only HVAC manufacturer in Missouri to join the Green Suppliers Network," said Steve Intagliata, director of training. "As a result of this process, we have implemented several new lean and green practices and will continue to look for additional ways to reduce our carbon footprint."

Manufacturers of all sizes are revamping their manufacturing process in an effort to improve the environment, reduce waste and save money. The benefits of the designation include: technical assistance and the identification of process improvements that can lead to cost savings and environmental results, increased dialogue between large manufacturers and suppliers and employee training. Visit www.greensuppliers.gov for more details on the program.

The Unico System is a small-duct, high-velocity central heating and air conditioning system manufactured by Unico Inc. Ideal for custom home, historic preservation and commercial applications, The Unico System's main trunk and flexible supply tubing can be installed in just one-third the space of more traditional HVAC ducting systems. Quieter and less visible than other systems, The Unico System provides superior indoor comfort that is energy-efficient and environmentally friendly. For more information, visit www.unicosystem.com.