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INTERNATIONAL 100 Winners Circle, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

## Orchid International Plays Host to Middle Tennessee Operations Management Association

Mount Juliet, TN – Jan. 12, 2009 – Orchid International recently played host to the Middle Tennessee chapter of the Association for Operations Management (APICS). On December 16, 2008, a contingent of 17 APICS members representing the automotive, cosmetics, food and beverage, and clothing industries toured Orchid’s Mount Juliet, Tennessee metal stamping and automated assembly facility.

Orchid Mount Juliet provided APICS members with an overview of the 113,000 sq. ft. facility followed by an in-depth tour. Orchid Mount Juliet General Manager Bill Jones orchestrated the event that included breakout sessions on metal stamping, robotic and manual assembly, tooling, quality control, and shipping.



Annually the Orchid Mount Juliet facility ships over 116 million stamped steel parts and components utilized by manufacturers in the automotive, electronics, lawn and garden, and other consumer products industries. Recognized by customers and independent entities alike for meeting the highest quality and delivery requirements, the Mount Juliet facility’s North American ship-to locations range from Ontario, Canada to Matamoros, Mexico.

According to Ty Tabernik, President of the APICS Middle Tennessee Chapter, the association offers certifications in production and inventory management (CPIM) and supply chain management (CSCP). “Most of our members are from manufacturing environments, many of whom are involved in warehousing and distribution,” noted Tabernik.

The APICS tour group consisted of managers from Bridgestone Metalphi, General Motors, Cosmolab, Kroger, Linatex Corporation, Odoms Tennessee Pride Sausage, and VF Workwear.

Founded in 1988, Orchid International provides world-class metal stamping automated assembly, lamination stamping, and die casting to the automotive, appliance, lawn and garden, lighting, and numerous other metal stamping-related industries throughout North America. Headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee, Orchid International’s corporate footprint extends from Ontario, Canada, down through the central United States, and into northern Mexico. Orchid International’s five manufacturing facilities are strategically located in Mount Juliet, Tennessee; McAllen, Texas; Monroe, Wisconsin; Newmarket, Ontario, Canada; and Monterrey, Mexico. Visit online at [www.orchidinternational.com](http://www.orchidinternational.com).

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