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**Venture Logistics named
2005 Indiana Entrepreneurial Awards of Distinction Finalist**

Indianapolis -- The Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation, within the Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, recognized Indiana's companies for their entrepreneurial achievements at a dinner and awards banquet Thursday (October 20) at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis.

Venture Logistics, of Indianapolis, was among the 62 finalists in three categories – spirit, innovation and growth.

Venture Logistics was founded in 1993 and currently employs over 200 people from this community. They have offices and/or terminals in Indianapolis, Lafayette and Fort Wayne, Indiana as well as Laredo, Texas. Doug Williams, President and CEO states that he and his team are proud to be recognized as an Indiana Entrepreneurial Awards of Distinction Company. "Besides the personal satisfaction, we are proud to be recognized for our desire to provide transportation, warehousing and other logistic benefit to these communities. The key to all outstanding companies is to surround yourself with good people. We have been very pleased and blessed with the quality of people available in these communities that meet that criteria. We have enjoyed outstanding growth in the last year and are very honored to have been nominated for the Spirit award."

In its inaugural year, the Indiana Entrepreneurial Awards of Distinction honors entrepreneurial companies for their growth, innovation, and willingness to take calculated risks.

Venture Logistics was a finalist in the Spirit category. To be eligible for the award, the company had to demonstrate high standards in risk –taking behavior, persevere from "lessons learned" and possess the desire to be the best company with a vision to succeed.

"These entrepreneurial companies have a strong impact on the state, not only economically but also through employment and community development", stated Donald F. Kuratko, executive director of the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

For more information regarding Venture Logistics and the services that they offer please call Dawn Griffin 317-337-1478 Ext. 122 or go to www.venlog.com.

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