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## Secretary of Commerce visits award-winning factory

**HUNTINGTON, Ind.** (March 13, 2009) - Indiana Secretary of Commerce, E. Mitchell Roob, Jr., joined executives from Carrier Corp. today to celebrate United Technologies Electronic Controls' (UTEC) recognition as one of *IndustryWeek's* Top 10 Best Plants in North America.

UTEC is a subsidiary of Carrier Corp., the world's largest provider of heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC-R) solutions. The Huntington facility currently employs over 700.

"It is an honor to see Indiana companies recognized on a national stage for their accomplishments," said Roob. "UTEC and its associates exemplify the many strengths of the Hoosier workforce."

The Huntington manufacturer, which produces microprocessor-based controls for heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration, was selected as an *IndustryWeek* "Best Plant" based on its productivity, safety measures and dedication to the continual improvement of its people, processes and performance.

"It is an honor to have Indiana Secretary of Commerce E. Mitchell Roob join us as we celebrate receiving *IndustryWeek* magazine's 10 best plants in North America award," said Esther Johnson, vice president and general manager, Carrier Electronics. "This distinction recognizes our Huntington-based facility for its world-class performance. Today, with the help of Secretary Roob, we are able to acknowledge our employees' hard work and success."

Joining with Roob and Carrier/UTEC executives to celebrate the company's award include Mayor Steve Updike and representatives from the Huntington County United Economic Development Corporation

"On behalf of our community it is an honor to offer our congratulations. United Technologies Electronic Controls Division is among our finest corporate citizens. They continue to prove that they are a world-class company in everything they do," said Updike. "I'm also proud to welcome the Indiana Secretary of Commerce to Huntington and to introduce him to one of the finest groups of hard-working Hoosiers you'll ever meet."

UTEC will be further honored at the 2009 *IndustryWeek* Best Plant conference slated for April 27-29 in Nashville, Tenn.

### About UTEC

*Based in Huntington, Ind., UTEC manufactures microprocessor-based controls for heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration manufacturers worldwide. The company is also a major supplier of standard and programmable thermostats and zoning systems.*

### About Carrier Corp.

*Carrier Corp., headquartered in Farmington, Conn., is the world's largest provider of heating, air-conditioning and refrigeration solutions. With 2008 revenues of \$14.9 billion, Carrier has approximately*

41,000 employees worldwide and operations in more than 170 countries. Carrier is part of United Technologies Corp.(NYSE:UTX), a Hartford, Connecticut-based provider of products and services to the aerospace and building systems industries worldwide. Visit [www.carrier.com](http://www.carrier.com) for more information.

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Created by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005 to replace the former Department of Commerce, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation is governed by a 12-member board chaired by Governor Daniels. Indiana Secretary of Commerce Mitch Roob serves as the chief executive officer of the IEDC. For more information about IEDC, visit [www.iedc.in.gov](http://www.iedc.in.gov).

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