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LIUNA Ramps Up Member Engagement and Mobilization *Searches for a "Build America" Candidate to Fight for the Basics*

Washington, DC (February 5, 2008) – LIUNA – the Laborers' International Union of North America – is ramping up its member outreach, information and mobilization efforts with a Super-Tuesday turnout effort across the country that includes automated calls and text messages to LIUNA members in primary states.

The effort is part of the Union's 2008 election program which includes:

- Outreach around issues that matter to the men and women who build America, including good jobs, a strong economy and investment in the nation's basics, such as its highways, bridges, transit systems and dams.
- Use of all available tools, such as membership surveys to gauge presidential preferences and concerns, and member outreach and information via robo calls, targeted mailings, text messaging and websites.
- The strongest voter registration and volunteer activism program in the Union's history.

In a Super-Tuesday eve robo call to members, LIUNA General President Terence O'Sullivan urged members to participate in their primaries or caucuses saying, "Everyday you do the work of building America and now is your chance to be heard." Text messages to members reiterated the need to be involved.

"LIUNA's half-million rank-and-file members are looking for a "Build America" candidate – one who will put their everyday issues first, including the creation of good, family-supporting jobs with health care and a commitment to taking care of our nation's basics by rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure," O'Sullivan said. "Our goal is to engage our members – an army of one-half million strong – so that they can in turn engage the candidates."

LIUNA has not endorsed a presidential candidate and does not intend to do so until one candidate earns 60 percent of membership support.

Members' presidential preference to date is shared among candidates and generally reflects national attitudes among Democratic voters, with no candidate yet winning 60 percent. Members are strongly united on the issues and in the belief that a Democrat should be in the White House, with the No. 1 concern being jobs and the economy.

"We want the next President to have bold ideas to jump-start our economy and create good jobs, and one of the best ways to do that is with sustainable economic stimulus through infrastructure investment," O'Sullivan said, noting that every \$1 billion in investment creates 47,500 new jobs.

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The half-million members of LIUNA are on the forefront of the construction industry – a sector that is a powerhouse of 10 million workers who produce 5 percent of the nation's economic output.