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**National Association of Purchasing Management - Rochester
Business Survey for September 2009**

Reports of better General Business Conditions improved to twenty-nine percent in the last month while reports of worse conditions dropped by six percent. The past month also showed the largest increase of New Orders or Services – second only to June this year.

Commodity Prices increased for 43% of the respondents' companies this month after 55% last month. Until then, prices had increased for less than a third of the respondents for any of the previous few months. Inventory levels were relatively stable.

Twenty percent more companies reported an increase in employment, while those reporting less employment only changed by 1%.

Order Lead Times were unchanged. Delivery Performance was reported late by 36%. No early deliveries or shorter lead times were indicated for the third straight month.

Only 7% of respondents expect the Three Month Forecast to decrease. A healthy 36% predict an increase.

September statistics are enclosed.

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Data in this survey is compiled only from individuals and companies who have been screened and authorized by the Business Survey Committee.

**NAPMR Business Survey Report
March 2009 through September 2009**

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General Business Conditions:

Better	13%	20%	13%	29%	29%	9%	29%
Same	47%	47%	67%	71%	64%	64%	50%
Worse	40%	33%	20%	0%	7%	27%	21%

New Orders or Services:

More	20%	20%	33%	57%	29%	18%	43%
Same	33%	47%	47%	36%	64%	46%	36%
Less	47%	33%	20%	7%	7%	36%	21%

Commodity Prices:

Lower	27%	20%	7%	14%	21%	9%	7%
Same	67%	73%	80%	79%	64%	36%	50%
Higher	6%	7%	13%	7%	15%	55%	43%

Inventories:

Lower	20%	27%	27%	43%	43%	27%	21%
Same	53%	46%	46%	43%	50%	55%	65%
Higher	27%	27%	27%	14%	7%	18%	14%

Employment:

More	13%	20%	40%	29%	50%	9%	29%
Same	47%	47%	27%	50%	36%	64%	43%
Less	40%	33%	33%	21%	14%	27%	28%

Delivery Performance:

Early	0%	0%	0%	7%	0%	0%	0%
As Promised	100%	100%	93%	79%	93%	100%	64%
Late	0%	0%	7%	14%	7%	0%	36%

Order Lead Times:

Shorter	13%	13%	7%	7%	0%	0%	0%
Same	80%	87%	93%	79%	93%	64%	64%
Longer	7%	0%	0%	14%	7%	36%	36%

Three Month Forecast:

Increase	33%	47%	27%	29%	36%	18%	36%
Stable	34%	33%	60%	57%	64%	73%	57%
Decrease	33%	20%	13%	14%	0%	9%	7%

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