

## **Governor Honors SouthShore Freight Railroad with Award for Longevity**

On November 14, 2007, Gov. Mitch Daniels honored a LaPorte County Business for longevity and community service in the Indianapolis statehouse today during the annual Governor's Century and Half Century Business Awards ceremony.

Gov. Mitch Daniels presented *Chicago SouthShore & South Bend Railroad* with a Half Century Award.

"These companies are the foundation of economic growth for our state. Home-grown Indiana companies provide the stability and longstanding community involvement that typifies our traditional Hoosier values," said Governor Daniels.

The Governor's Century and Half Century Business Awards honor Indiana businesses that have remained in operation for 100 or 50 years or more and have also demonstrated a history of community service. More than 1,000 companies from across Indiana have been recognized during the 17-year history of the Awards.

Founded in 1908 to haul passengers, the Chicago SouthShore & South Bend Railroad began hauling freight in 1916. The company was purchased by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad in 1967, then sold to the Venango River Corporation in 1984. Present owner Anacostia & Pacific bought the railroad in 1989 and has held the freight operation ever since. The company today hauls the equivalent of nearly 250,000 truckloads each year, providing competitive and dependable service to customers while reducing traffic congestion, air pollution and saving the public millions of dollars in road and bridge repairs.

Nominated by individuals or organizations within the same community, the Century and Half Century Awards honor Indiana's well-established companies and their outstanding contributions to the economic and prosperity of the state.