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**UNION PACIFIC VICE PRESIDENT ENGINEERING BILL WIMMER  
NAMED *RAILWAY AGE* RAILROADER OF THE YEAR**

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**OMAHA, NEB., Jan. 12, 2007** – Bill Wimmer, vice president Engineering of the Union Pacific Railroad, has been named 2007 Railroader of the Year by railroad industry trade journal *Railway Age*.

“Union Pacific is the gold standard in railroad engineering, largely due to the efforts of Vice President Engineering Bill Wimmer,” said *Railway Age* Editor William C. Vantuono. “He works tirelessly, planning and directing the maintenance and improvement of UP’s superb physical plant, building up a railroad that is carrying an unprecedented amount of rail freight traffic. Bill’s engineering contributions to the industry during a career that has so far spanned 50 years are known and respected on railroads around the world. His accomplishments in just the past few years amount to what many railroad chief engineers would consider a lifetime of achievement.”

“I am truly honored to be selected for this prestigious award and greatly appreciate the support of many Union Pacific colleagues over the years,” said Wimmer.

Wimmer is the 44th recipient of *Railway Age*’s Railroader of the Year Award, which was started by Modern Railroads magazine in 1964 as the “Man of the Year” award. *Railway Age* acquired Modern Railroads in 1991 and has presented the award annually since then. Wimmer follows his legendary mentor and 1978 award recipient, the late Union Pacific Chief Engineer Robert M. Brown, as only the second chief engineer selected to be named Railroader of the Year. Wimmer will receive the award, one of the most prestigious in the railroad industry, on March 20, 2007, at Chicago’s Union League Club.

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### **About Union Pacific**

Union Pacific Corporation owns one of America's leading transportation companies. Its principal operating company, Union Pacific Railroad, links 23 states in the western two-thirds of the country and serves the fastest-growing U.S. population centers. Union Pacific's diversified business mix includes Agricultural Products, Automotive, Chemicals, Energy, Industrial Products and Intermodal. The railroad offers competitive long-haul routes from all major West Coast and Gulf Coast ports to eastern gateways. Union Pacific connects with Canada's rail systems and is the only railroad serving all six major gateways to Mexico, making it North America's premier rail franchise.

### **About *Railway Age***

*Railway Age* ([www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)) is a monthly magazine circulated at the management levels of North American freight and passenger railroads. Founded in Chicago, IL, in 1856, it is the transportation industry's oldest trade magazine. *Railway Age* is published by the Simmons-Boardman Publishing Corp., New York, N.Y.

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