Thank you, Carol (Lukas).

When it was suggested that I present the "Suggester of the Year" awards tonight, I thought the suggestion was a winner. I'm pleased to have this opportunity to personally thank you for sharing your ideas.

The power, and importance of ideas, to a corporation is best summed up in a statement made by Robert Galvin, chairman of the board for Motorola. Galvin said, and I quote: "If you take away all of Motorola's factories, all of our inventories, and leave me with 10 scientists and engineers of ideas, we could rebuild our corporation in a few short years. But if you leave me all of our physical assets and take away all of our ideas, you leave me virtually nothing."

Ideas are the wings of any corporation but, as someone once said, great ideas need landing gears as well as wings.

The Employee Suggestion Program is the "landing gear" for the great ideas of Control Data employees.
Of the 10,702 ideas Control Data employees "let fly" last year, 51 percent came in for a perfect landing. The annualized savings to the Company was more than $24 million.

Equally important as those figures, however, is the satisfaction each of you can take from knowing that you, and your ideas, have, indeed, made a difference at Control Data.

(PAUSE)

It's now my privilege to present the Corporate Level "Suggester of the Year." That honor goes to...Debra Corcoran of Government Systems.

(PAUSE...WAIT FOR DEBRA TO JOIN YOU AT PODIUM)

Debra, it's a pleasure to present you with this sculpture of "The Thinker" and a check for $1,000.

When you look at the sculpture, I hope you receive more of the same inspiration that produced the 24 suggestions that were adopted last year.
As you know, Debra's ideas led to both quality and cost improvements at the Eden Prairie manufacturing facility where she works as a production engineering technician. Altogether, her ideas saved the Company $55,920.

Thank you, Debra, for believing enough in your ideas to act on them. Congratulations.

And, now, I'd like to propose a toast to Debra and all of the other "Suggesters of the Year"...

(TOAST AWARD WINNERS)