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AMI Announces 2008 *BodyShop Business Magazine* Scholarship Recipient

Bedford, Texas, Oct. 2, 2008 — The Automotive Management Institute (AMI) and Babcox Publications jointly announced today that David Solmes, president, Dewey's Auto Body, Inc., Hastings, Mich., is the recipient of this year's "*BodyShop Business Magazine* Scholarship."

AMI and Babcox present the scholarship annually to recognize management-oriented members of the Automotive Service Association Collision Division. The recipient receives \$1,000 to be applied toward expenses to attend the International Autobody Congress & Exposition (NACE) in Las Vegas, Nov. 5-8.

Solmes has worked in the automotive service industry for 13 years and has been a shop owner for the past eight. He is a member of ASA, I-CAR Gold Class & Platinum Individual Advisory Council and is currently working on completing the necessary requirements to earn the Institute's Accredited Automotive Manager (AAM) designation. He currently holds several I-CAR and ASE certifications. When not working in the shop, he contributes his time to various community organizations.

"I look forward to attending the NACE training programs and sharing the information with my staff," said Solmes.

AMI was established to answer the demand for continuing education tailored specifically for the business needs of the automotive service industry. The Institute offers the Accredited Automotive Manager (AAM) designation, the first business management accreditation exclusively for the automotive service professional. To date, AMI programs have attracted more than 168,000 enrollments throughout North America. AMI is a not-for-profit educational foundation to which tax-deductible contributions can be made. For more information about the Institute, its curriculum, or EXCEL, please contact AMI at (800) 272-7467, ext. 241, or visit the AMI Web site at <http://www.amionline.org>.