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AME Names William H. Baker, Jr. as 2016 Mac McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. – November 21, 2016 – The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is pleased to name William H. Baker, Jr. as the recipient of the 2016 Mac McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to improving the products and services offered by AME to advance enterprise excellence in manufacturing. AME presented the award to Baker at the AME International Conference, which took place in Dallas, Texas.

Baker is a longstanding AME member, active volunteer and leader with a commitment to helping others share, learn and grow. He has served as AME Southwestern region board member, annual conference chair, vice president of alliances and program chair for numerous AME conferences. He currently serves as the editorial board chair for *Target* magazine. Baker is also a consultant with expertise with in lean enterprise, excellence criteria, benchmarking and knowledge management, and is the co-author of the award-winning book, "Lean for the Long Term."

Throughout his career, Baker has been a rocket performance engineer, manufacturing engineer and finance executive. He was a manufacturing manager at Texas Instruments, University of Texas at Dallas and Raytheon. His thirst for continuing to improve operations led him to become a recognized expert for the utilization of benchmarking.

"Bill is one of our most active and prolific volunteers," said AME president and CEO George Saiz. "Bill is a tireless continuous improvement practitioner in his professional career and he has also brought that same spirit of improvement to his work at AME," added Saiz. "By adding his expertise to everything from AME publications all the way up to the most prestigious level of recognition through the AME Excellence Award, Bill has enabled thousands of continuous improvement practitioners to come together to share, learn and grow."

The Mac McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award was established in 2004 and not only recognizes service to AME, but also honors an individual's character, integrity and leadership. The award is granted to one individual each year and recipients are nominated and selected by the AME Awards Council. To learn more about the Mac McCulloch Award, visit www.ame.org/mac-mcculloch-lifetime-achievement-award.

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About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to the journey of continuous improvement and enterprise excellence. AME's membership is composed of a trusted network of volunteers who are committed to leveraging the practitioner-to-practitioner and company-to-company shared-learning experience. Through engaging workshops, plant tours, webinars, summits and industry-leading conferences, AME members are continually discovering and implementing new continuous improvement strategies and best practices. Join AME in leading the "Renaissance of Manufacturing in North America." For more information, visit www.ame.org or email info@ame.org.

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