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AME Recognizes Manufacturing Excellence Award Honorees at 2014 Excellence Inside Conference

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill.—The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) held its [2014 International Excellence Inside Conference](#) in Jacksonville, Florida last week.

Attendees received valuable insights from peers and industry leaders from all corners of the manufacturing world, covering the latest trends, best practices and challenges most relevant to successful lean practitioners. AME also celebrated the occasion by honoring the 2014 Manufacturing Excellence Award recipients throughout the week.

The AME Manufacturing Excellence Award is bestowed on manufacturers who demonstrate excellence in manufacturing and business. In the course of their evaluation, AME considers numerous exceptional facilities from around the world in a rigorous review process. Applicants are judged based on their approaches to continuous improvement, best practices, creativity and innovation. While numerous companies submit applications each year, only a handful are selected for the next stage of evaluation, in which an assessment team travels to the eligible facility to evaluate achievement reports against established criteria.

“These companies are operating at exceptional levels, setting the bar high for achieving success in the search for operational excellence. Their drive manifests in insightful continuous improvement strategies, innovative practices and inspired teamwork initiatives from which any organization can learn a valuable lesson,” said AME President Barbara Morrison.

The 2014 Manufacturing Excellence Award Recipients are:

Accuride (Henderson, Kentucky)

A leading producer of steel wheels for the North American commercial vehicle industry.

Ethicon (Juarez, Mexico)

A subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson and a world-class manufacturer of surgical sutures and wound closure devices.

NovAtel Wireless (Calgary, Alberta, Canada)

A pioneer in their field specializing in the design and development of

M2M wireless solutions, manufacturing 2G, 3G and 4G technologies.

Ventana Medical Systems (Tucson, Arizona)

A member of the Roche Group and recognized as innovators, responsible for manufacturing more than 250 unique cancer diagnostic tests and related instruments and distributing them worldwide.

To learn more about the Manufacturing Excellence Award and this year's honorees, visit [AME's website](#). AME's next conference, the 2015 International Conference, will take place Oct. 19-23 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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. AME offers its members a multitude of valuable resources to help them stay abreast of current industry developments and improve the skills, competitiveness and overall success of their organizations. Join AME in leading the "Renaissance of Manufacturing in North America." For more information, visit ame.org or email info@ame.org.

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