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ANNOUNCING NEW WHITE PAPER: GRADUATING CAREER-READY CITIZEN FOR 21ST CENTURY SUCCESS

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill., – Feb. 25, 2016 – The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) today released a new white paper, “Graduating Career-Ready Citizens for 21st Century Success: Linking Education and Manufacturing to Economic Prosperity.”

According to new research from Deloitte and the Manufacturing Institute, 84 percent of manufacturing executives agree the nation is now facing a critical “skills gap.” In order to have a thriving economy, the manufacturing sector needs skilled workers. Starting students with a strong educational foundation will result in career-ready citizens, and the manufacturing sector relies on schools to produce these individuals.

This white paper, written by Glenn Marshall, Richard Long and Richard Hinckley addresses:

- A call for education to become more career focused
- Government programs and advocacy initiatives that support the cause
- Manufacturers partnering with schools to become part of the solution

AME works with communities, educators in schools and colleges and other organizations toward a collective impact approach for addressing the nation’s talent shortage. The objective is to prepare and graduate literate, career-ready citizens with the proper education and the right skills needed to qualify for high-paying jobs — and then let them lead the way in designing and building things at home, again.

The white paper is available for download at <http://www.ame.org/white-paper/graduating-career-ready-citizens-21st-century-success-linking-education-and>.

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 www.ame.org or email info@ame.org.

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