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AME International Conference Showcases Latest Innovations in Lean and Continuous Improvement

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. – November 10, 2016 – The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) held its 2016 International Conference in Dallas, Texas last week, providing networking and education on the subject of manufacturing to nearly 1,800 professionals. As the world's largest lean manufacturing conference, attendees were offered the opportunity to learn directly from world-renowned lean leaders and thinkers.

The conference featured nine keynote speakers, one of which was NFL Hall of Famer Emmitt Smith, who helped to inspire attendees' journeys to enterprise excellence. Conference attendees had the chance to tour local companies showcasing best practices, including Dallas Cowboys AT&T Stadium, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics and Texas Nameplate. The conference also featured pre- and post-conference workshops examining lean thinking to transform challenges in manufacturing, practitioner presentations from industry leaders like GE Transportation and Scripps Health, special interest sessions led by industry professionals and many exhibitors showcasing the latest in lean and continuous improvement tools.

At the conference, AME announced the launch of its Lean Sensei app, available for download in the Apple App Store. The new benchmarking tool is designed to guide conversations about continuous improvement and help manufacturers benchmark their operations against AME Excellence Award quality standards. Dedicated to improving the manufacturing industry overall, the AME Lean Sensei app is available to all manufacturers regardless of membership in AME. For more information on the app, visit www.ame.org/leansensei.

As the leading association for lean manufacturing and enterprise excellence, each year AME recognizes companies and individuals who embody enterprise excellence and continuous improvement.

During the conference, AME honored its 2016 AME Excellence Award recipients, Accuride de Mexico, Goodyear Innovation Center – Akron, Littelfuse (Wuxi, China), MillerCoors Trenton Brewery and O.C. Tanner, for their demonstrated excellence in manufacturing and business.

AME inducted C. Jackson Grayson, founder and chairman of the American Productivity & Quality Center, and J. Francisco Ramírez Reséndiz, founder and executive director of LENSYS, into the 2016 Hall of Fame for each of their contributions to the growth of enterprise excellence within the manufacturing community. AME also honored the 2016 Mac McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, William H. Baker, for his lifetime support and significant contributions to improving the products and services offered by AME to advance enterprise excellence.

The AME 2017 International Conference will take place Oct. 9-13 in Boston, Mass. Visit www.ame.org/boston to register and for more information.

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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