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**AME San Antonio 2013 Spring Conference**

**People – Processes – Partners**

**SAN ANTONIO—April 15, 2013**—The Association of Manufacturing Excellence will welcome 500 manufacturing executives, senior operations managers/directors and plant engineers to their “Revitalization of North American Manufacturing Conference” in San Antonio, Texas April 15-18, 2013. The conference will feature 6 titans of industry as keynote speakers, 18 practitioner-to-practitioner presentations, 16 highly informative workshops, and 7 facility tours that include Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Lockheed-Martin, Frito-Lay and Johnson Controls. Some of the highly anticipated presentations are:

**Unleashing the Power of Engagement—Tuesday, Apr 16, 2013 - 9:00 AM**

DJO Global went from being a \$200M company to one worth more than \$1B in just nine years. The company attributes that success to its people and the company’s programs which empower their people to succeed. DJO Global will share its story and best management practices on empowering a workforce.

**A Lean Transformation that Never Stops Improving—Tuesday, Apr 16, 2013 - 10:30 AM**

What does a lean manufacturing company culture look like? The sustainable transformation to continuous improvement comes from creating and nurturing respect for people and cultivating long-term relationships. It comes from teaching and developing employees and empowering and involving everyone. O.C. Tanner will provide an inside look at how he moved an entire organization from an attitude of entitlement to a culture of enthusiastic engagement in continuous improvement.

**China Sourcing: Game Over?—Tuesday, Apr 16, 2013 - 2:00 PM**

China has generally been considered a good choice for low-cost manufacturing. However, in recent years outsourcing to China has become more problematic. China’s costs are on the rise and other countries have become low-cost alternatives. There are also other factors to consider, such as China's cultural differences, business practices and regulations. As a result, outsourcing to China has become much more complicated.

**The Sustained Lean Culture: 17 Years of Lean Culture Building—Wednesday, Apr 17, 2013 - 9:00 AM**

The ultimate goal of any organization is to increase its rate of improvement - every day. And if it improves by implementing its workers' ideas, that organization is unbeatable! It's by doing just this that Autoliv transformed from being a struggling automotive supplier to the world's leading supplier of automotive safety products - and one of the world's few globally lean companies. But these journeys are not always easy and Autoliv learned a lot along the way. During this presentation, Autoliv will share 10 of the key lessons it learned in its journey.

**Innovative Simulation Technology for Naval Warship Construction—Wednesday, Apr 17, 2013 - 10:30 AM**

Complex environments pose manufacturing challenges that require unique interventions. That's why many shipyards have limited success when using computer simulation to improve resource utilization and shop and construction productivity. Shipyards are complex and can't be thought of as a collection of linear systems. They have to deal with more uncertainty, and the goal is to create as much predictability as possible. However, traditional planning tools don't work well in variability and complex manufacturing environments. This session will present a simulation decision support tool that works.

**Creating a Quality Culture with Technology and Training—Wednesday, Apr 17, 2013 - 2:00 PM**

Texas Nameplate Company is a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award winner. The company uses a combination of real-time technology and core quality training for all employees. And this drives Texas Nameplate's quality-focused culture. In this presentation, conference attendees will gain insights into the quality training every Texas Nameplate new hire receives.

For more information on the "Revitalization of North American Manufacturing Conference" and to register, visit [www.amesanantonio.org](http://www.amesanantonio.org) or contact Veronica Ceaser at [vceaser@ame.org](mailto:vceaser@ame.org) or call her at (224) 232-5980, ext. 223. Save 15% on groups of 15 or more.

**About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME)**

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, seminars and plant tours, 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 "Revitalization of Manufacturing in North America." For more information, visit [www.ame.org](http://www.ame.org) or email [info@ame.org](mailto:info@ame.org).

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