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Association for Manufacturing Excellence, Women in Manufacturing Partner in Support of Continuous Improvement

ROLLING MEADOWS, III. — September 5, 2017 — The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) and Women in Manufacturing (WiM) share common goals when it comes to providing leading edge best practices for manufacturing professionals.

George Saiz, AME President and CEO, will speak at the 2017 WiM Summit, Sept. 13-15 in Hartford, CT. Saiz' talk will focus on sticking points for successful lean implementation and the three key elements for becoming an extraordinary lean enterprise.

"WiM is dedicated to supporting women who are pursuing or have chosen a career in the manufacturing industry, and understanding lean implementation is critical to thriving in manufacturing," said Allison Grealis, founder and president of WiM.

The WiM Summit is expected to attract more than 300 professional women in manufacturing. Learn more at womeninmanufacturing.org/summit2017/home.

Grealis will lead a panel at the AME conference, Oct. 9-13 in Boston, MA. The panel will focus on best practices to recruit, retain and advance women in manufacturing.

"Recruitment and retention of talent in the manufacturing sector is an ongoing challenge," said Saiz. "Many of our members have expressed a desire to increase workforce diversity, and our strategic alliance with Women in Manufacturing helps us provide programming to help them do just that," he added.

The AME International Conference is expected to attract more than 1,800 continuous improvement professionals. Learn more at ame.org/boston.

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.

About Women in Manufacturing

Women in Manufacturing[™] is a more than 800-member-strong national association dedicated to supporting, promoting and inspiring women who are pursuing or have chosen a career in the manufacturing industry. This group encourages the engagement of women who want to share perspectives, gain cutting-edge manufacturing information, improve leadership and communication skills, participate in sponsoring programs and network with industry peers. Members benefit from exclusive access to regional and national programming, networking opportunities, mentoring and sponsoring programs, monthly professional development webinars, a customized employment tool called WiMWorks, online discussion communities, the quarterly Impact e-newsletter and a robust searchable online directory. For more information visit www.womeninmanufacturing.org.

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