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Association for Manufacturing Excellence Launches New AME Emerging Leaders Program

ROLLING MEADOWS, III. — March 1, 2018 — The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is pleased to announce the launch of the new AME Emerging Leaders program, a leadership development initiative to enable the next generation of lean leaders.

The AME Emerging Leaders program provides a platform for lean practitioners to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, and serve the profession in a leadership capacity. It also puts participants on a fast track to AME volunteerism. The program seeks diversity based on geography, gender, ethnicity and type of industry.

In this new initiative, AME is proud to partner with Living As A Leader, the exclusive sponsor of the AME Emerging Leaders program. AME and Living As A Leader share common goals when it comes to developing leaders in manufacturing and industrial environments. Living As A Leader is a leadership training, coaching and consulting firm that develops people into high-performing leaders through its unique combination of training, coaching and success assurances.

"The AME Emerging Leaders program allows AME to continue its mission of share, learn and grow with the next generation of industry leaders. We look forward to partnering with our members as they invest in the future of these leaders and in the future of enterprise excellence," said AME president and CEO George Saiz.

AME invites rising leaders inside the AME member community with fewer than five years of experience working in a leadership or a non-leadership professional role to apply. AME also invites corporate members to recognize and sponsor emerging leaders within their organizations. The participant's sponsorship fee will cover a complimentary admission to the AME International Conference, a free leadership clinic at the conference sponsored by Living As A Leader, access to AME's private online learning and networking communities, and more. To apply and for more details, visit www.ame.org/emergingleaders.

The AME Emerging Leaders program will culminate at the AME International Conference on Oct. 29 – Nov. 1, in San Diego, Calif. The AME International Conference is expected to attract more than 1,800 continuous improvement professionals. For more information visit www.ame.org/sandiego.

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 Living As A Leader

Using a unique combination of training, coaching and success assurances, Living As A Leader develops people into highly effective, productive leaders. To achieve the results clients seek, Living As A Leader employs a steady-progress-over-time approach to leadership development or customized leadership development services to fit any leadership challenge. With a wide variety of services for both individual and team leadership development, Living As A Leader also offers Train-the-Trainer Certification for its proven Leadership Development System for in-house corporate trainers and leadership development consultants. Living As A Leader specializes in developing leaders in manufacturing and industrial organizations. For more information, visit www.livingasaleader.com/mfg.

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