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**AME Reveals Workshop and Plant Tour Lineup for 29th International
"Excellence Inside" Conference**

ROLLING MEADOWS, ILL. - Oct. 3, 2013 - The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is pleased to announce the details of the selection of workshops and plant tours that will be offered at the 2013 AME "Excellence Inside" conference, which takes place Oct. 21-25 in Toronto.

Joe Fisher, conference chair, noted the increased variety in this year's selection. "We're focusing on offering diverse workshops and tours this year so that lean learners, from beginners to experts, can greatly expand their skill sets and expertise," Fisher said.

Of the 40 workshops being offered at the conference, comprehensive sessions such as **Introduction to Lean Strategy** focus on the fundamentals of lean philosophy. Intermediate workshops like **Learn the 3P Method** examine concentrated waste reduction in product and process design. Other specialized workshops include **How to Engage People's Hearts and Minds**, which offers an education on how to encourage a work culture where self-improvement and idea generation take precedence. Finally, sessions such as **They do it With Stickers** educate interested lean leaders on how to implement effective lean strategies when only a comparatively small budget is available.

This year's 50 plant tours will be conducted as Gemba walks that showcase each site's best practices and examines their value stream. Plant tours include trips to **Cogent Power, Bombardier, Canadian Pacific, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Molson Coors, Nestle Waters** and many others. To see the full schedule for the plant tours and workshops, as well as further details regarding Toronto2013, head to www.AMEToronto.org. Interested participants can register online and via fax or e-mail.

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, 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. For more information, visit www.ame.org or email info@ame.org.

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