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# AMT executive appointed to National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers board of directors

McLean, Va. (July 8, 2021) – Today, AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology and NCATC, the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers, announced that Greg Jones, vice president, Smartforce Development, AMT, was elected to the NCATC board of directors to occupy one of two Strategic Partner seats on the board for a term of two years beginning July 1, 2021.

“I am honored to join the NCATC board of directors,” said Jones. “AMT has been a Strategic Partner of NCATC for about a decade, and I have worked closely with Craig McAtee, CEO and executive director at NCATC, and its members as part of AMT’s strategy in solving the skills gap that exists in U.S. manufacturing. NCATC member schools and all of the NCATC Strategic Partners are pivotal to advancing technology in school programs as well as diversity and inclusion in career and technical education.”

As a leader in the manufacturing technology community, AMT focuses on supporting manufacturers with vital information on technological developments, especially in emerging, transformational technologies, advocating for a next-generation Smartforce, and building dynamic, data-based ecosystems that nurture new manufacturing process innovations. By addressing these areas, AMT maximizes the development of our members as they adapt to new paradigms and business models and contributes to the overall growth of the manufacturing technology industry.

At AMT, Jones leads Smartforce Development, AMT’s effort to build a better-educated and trained workforce for the advanced manufacturing industry. To accomplish this, he forges relationships with industry, education, and governmental organizations to develop and promote workforce programs. Jones is also a member of the executive committee of the board of directors of the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) and a board member of The American Precision Museum in Windsor, Vermont. In 2001, Jones was also part of the executive team that launched ToolingU, the manufacturing industry’s leading e-learning platform, which is now owned by SME. Jones volunteers as a judge for the national SkillsUSA Championships for CNC machining, where AMT is a Manufacturing Career Cluster sponsor.



“Greg Jones has it all – subject matter expertise, true collaboration mentality, ego checked at the door, and genuine passion for lifelong learning (K to Gray) – especially in the advanced technology and manufacturing space. I personally have had the honor and pleasure of working with Greg on many CTE and workforce development initiatives over the past two decades, from his start-up leadership at ToolingU in Cleveland to his present role as vice president of Smartforce Development at AMT – The Association for Manufacturing Technology as a key Strategic Partner with our organization since 2010. We are ecstatic that Greg has been elected to serve a two-year term on the NCATC board of directors beginning on July 01, 2021,” said Craig McAtee, CEO and executive director, NCATC.

## **About NCATC**

Founded in 1988 - The National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers (NCATC) is an Affiliated Council of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) catalyzing a network of higher education and industry-led Strategic Partner resources that advocates, advises, and promotes the use of advanced technology applications to enhance economic and workforce development programs and services.

Membership provides access to innovative, promising and best practices from top Advanced Technology Centers and NCATC actively participates on the AACC Commission for Economic and Workforce Development. This provides an opportunity to help shape policy and priorities for workforce development funding, programs, and business and industry across the United States.

The coalition is comprised of over 160 members from community and technical colleges, universities, CTE high schools, adult education organizations and the corporate community.

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## **About AMT**

AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology represents U.S.-based providers of manufacturing technology – the advanced machinery, devices, and digital equipment that U.S. manufacturing relies on to be productive, innovative, and competitive. Located in McLean, Virginia, near the nation’s capital, AMT acts as the industry’s voice to speed the pace of innovation, increase global competitiveness, and develop manufacturing’s advanced workforce of tomorrow. With extensive expertise in industry data and intelligence as well as a full complement of international business operations, AMT offers its members an unparalleled level of support. AMT also produces IMTS – The International Manufacturing Technology Show, the premier manufacturing technology event in North America.

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