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Acme Alliance Wins 2021 National Metalworking Reshoring Award

McLean, Va. (October 25, 2021) – Acme Alliance LLC, a leading die caster in Northbrook, Illinois, received the 2021 National Metalworking Reshoring Award in recognition of its success in bringing manufacturing back to the United States. The 2021 award was presented on the FABTECH Main Stage at McCormick Place in Chicago by Harry Moser, Founder and President of the Reshoring Initiative. The award honors companies that have effectively reshored products, parts, or tooling made primarily by metal forming, fabricating, casting, or machining, including additive manufacturing. The award is made possible by the Reshoring Initiative, the Precision Metalforming Association (PMA), The Association For Manufacturing Technology (AMT), and the National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA). SME generously provided the venue and audio-visual recording.

Mauri Mendes, President of Acme Alliance-Lovejoy Industries, said, “In our business model, we use our worldwide manufacturing footprint to produce and deliver products to the regions where they are assembled [and used] by our customers. We truly believe being close to our customers is the most important strategy. We are seeing many large organizations switching their strategy by reshoring their supply chain.” Matt Thavis, Director of Business Development, and JR Kinnett, General Manager, provided additional insight into Acme’s success.

Acme Alliance was chosen for several reasons, according to Moser. “Acme has a record of reshoring products for their customers. In one case, their reshoring fixed a quality problem and cut the customer’s inventory by 94%. Acme also has successful facilities in Brazil and China. By not shipping from those facilities to the U.S., Acme has proven that reshoring is not only possible but the right business choice. Acme also has a strong lean culture, a frequent key to reshoring. Acme’s success, repeated throughout the U.S. supply chain, will achieve the five million additional jobs targeted by the Biden administration.”

OEMs and contract manufacturers are encouraged to [apply](#) between November 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022, for the 2022 National Metalworking Reshoring Award.

For questions about the National Metalworking Reshoring Award, contact Harry Moser at 847-867-1144 or harry.moser@reshorenw.org.

For more information on AMT's efforts on reshoring and supply chain efforts, visit IMTS.com/supplychain.

***The Reshoring Initiative**, founded in early 2010, helps manufacturers realize that local production, in some cases, reduces their total cost of ownership of purchased parts and tooling. The Initiative also trains suppliers how to sell against lower priced offshore competitors.*

***PMA**, an inaugural sponsor of the National Reshoring Award, is the full-service trade association representing the North American metalforming industry—the industry that creates precision metal products using stamping, fabricating, spinning, slide forming and roll forming technologies, and other value-added processes. Its nearly 900 member companies also include suppliers of equipment, materials and services to the industry.*

***AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology** represents U.S. builders and distributors of manufacturing technology – the advanced machinery, devices and digital equipment that U.S. manufacturing relies on to be productive, innovative, and competitive. AMT acts as the industry's voice to speed the pace of innovation, increase global competitiveness and develop manufacturing's advanced workforce of tomorrow.*

***NTMA** is the voice for the precision manufacturing and tool and die industries in the United States. Backed by nearly 1,300 member companies, representing more than \$30 billion in sales, NTMA provides an array of benefits to members and the industry including advocacy in Washington, training and education programs and networking events nationwide.*

***SME** connects manufacturing professionals, academia and communities, sharing knowledge and resources to build inspired, educated and prosperous manufacturers and enterprises. With nearly 90 years of experience and expertise in events, media, membership, training and development, and also through the SME Education Foundation, SME is committed to promoting manufacturing technology, developing a skilled workforce and attracting future generations to advance manufacturing.*

***FABTECH**, North America's largest metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing event, was in McCormick Place September 13-16, 2021. Come to FABTECH 2022 to meet with world-class suppliers, see the latest industry products and developments, find the tools to improve productivity, and increase profits all at FABTECH. We strongly believe in the power of in-person events to discover, educate, and motivate the metal fabrication industry.*