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RUSS WADDELL OF AMT – THE ASSOCIATION FOR MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY HONORED AS ONE OF 25 LEADERS TRANSFORMING MANUFACTURING

Honored for his role at MTConnect Institute by SME

McLean, Va. (April 7, 2021) — AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology today announced that Russ Waddell, MTConnect Institute managing director, was honored as one of 25 leaders transforming manufacturing by SME. Waddell was recognized for his work at the MTConnect Institute supporting the advancement of the free, open industry MTConnect standard that defines a domain vocabulary for discrete manufacturing. Waddell manages the 300-company volunteer organization that developed and maintains the standard.

SME is a professional association committed to advancing manufacturing and developing a skilled workforce. Honorees were identified by SME Media's Smart Manufacturing magazine in consultation with manufacturing experts from across a full range of industry segments and disciplines.

"These 25 luminaries in manufacturing are pushing the pace of change in our industry, paving the path that leads to elevated quality, improved productivity, increased profitability, and higher employment here in North America," said Robert Willig, executive director and CEO of SME.

"I am honored that SME recognizes the value of MTConnect and open standards for the manufacturing industry," said Waddell. "It is through the important work of our volunteers that MTConnect has fully achieved mainstream acceptance in aerospace, oil & gas, medical device manufacturing, in job shops and contract manufacturing, and with business software platform and hosting companies."

Other award honorees work in the manufacturing industry at startups, large corporations, public-private partnerships, and other organizations, and are pressing cutting-edge smart manufacturing technology adoption at the highest levels. Details on the accomplishments of the honorees can be found in the April 2021 issue of Smart Manufacturing magazine and is available at: https://www.sme.org/smemedia/smart-manufacturing-magazine/april-2021/.

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. For more information about AMT, visit www.amtonline.org.

About The MTConnect Institute

The MTConnect Institute is a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit standards development organization for the MTConnect standard. The Institute is a subsidiary of AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology. Its mission is to create open standards to foster greater interoperability between devices and clients by defining the structure and terminology used in communications in the discrete parts manufacturing sector.

About SME
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. Learn more at sme.org, follow @SME_MFG on Twitter or facebook.com/SMEmfg.

For additional information about MTConnect, visit these important links:

The release notes for Version 1.6 can be found here:
https://mtconnect.squarespace.com/s/V1_6_ReleaseNotes.xlsx.

Manufacturers and software developers can find an MTConnect agent written in C++ at:
https://github.com/mtconnect/cppagent.

Developers, system architects, and process/systems engineers can find the SysML model of MTConnect at: https://github.com/mtconnect/mtconnect-sysml-model.

Live sample data for testing can be found at: https://demo.mtconnect.org.