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Alliance for Working Together Foundation Renews Membership in the OMA-Endorsed Industry Sector Partnership Network

Mentor, OH (04/19/2024) – Alliance for Working Together (AWT) Foundation is pleased to announce our renewed partnership through The Ohio Manufacturers’ Association (OMA) Endorsed Industry Sector Partnership (ISP) Network as of April 19th, 2024. This renewed endorsement recognizes our commitment to addressing the workforce development needs within Ohio’s manufacturing sector, aligning with the OMA’s strategic goals.

The OMA-Endorsed ISP Network has expanded to include 19 ISPs, now serving 75 of Ohio's 88 counties. AWT Foundation collaborates with manufacturers across our service counties to address shared workforce development issues -- creating a framework of alignment, collaboration, and accountability that strengthens the manufacturing sector statewide.

AWT Foundation is dedicated to promoting the development of rewarding careers in manufacturing for the long-term success and growth of our manufacturing community. By working in concert with the OMA and other ISPs, we contribute to a robust network that is recognized and replicated across the nation as a workforce development model.

Teresa Simons, Executive Director and ISP Intermediary of the AWT Foundation highlighted the endorsement’s significance by stating, “We are grateful for the endorsement and OMA’s confidence in our effectiveness to serve our region in alignment and partnership initiatives. AWT remains committed to connecting the manufacturing industry, our K-12 educational partners and community partners for the continued growth and stability of our region.”

This endorsement by the OMA signifies the AWT Foundation’s alignment with the [OMA Workforce Roadmap](#) and a dedication to industry-led initiatives focused on manufacturing. AWT Foundation is committed to continuing to contribute to the state’s manufacturing workforce needs through collaboration, strategic planning, and targeted action.

For more information about the Alliance for Working Together Foundation, visit thinkmfg.com or contact Teresa Simons at teresa_simons@thinkmfg.com or 440-462-1995.

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About Alliance for Working Together (AWT) Foundation

The Alliance for Working Together (AWT) Foundation is a 501-c(3) non-profit dedicated to promoting rewarding manufacturing careers. AWT is a coalition of education, business, social services, and community leaders focused on aligning the learning system with the needs of the business community to support economic growth. As a membership organization, we work together to introduce students to manufacturing and connect businesses to engage with their potential future workers. Based in Northeast Ohio, AWT and its members work toward the sustainability of manufacturing in our community. For more information about AWT, please visit www.thinkmfg.com

About Ohio Manufacturers' Association

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association is Ohio's largest statewide business association comprised solely of manufacturers. Established in 1910, the OMA's mission is protect and grow Ohio manufacturing. It represents manufacturers of all sizes in every sector of the industry. Manufacturing is Ohio's largest economic sector, employing approximately 700,000 Ohioans and contributing more than \$134 billion annually to the state's economy. For more information about AWT, please visit www.ohiomfg.com

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