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NNMC announces alliance with AME

The National Nanotechnology Manufacturing Center announces a strategic alliance with the Association for Manufacturing Excellence

Swainsboro, GA ... The National Nanotechnology Manufacturing Center (NNMC) is proud to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Manufacturing Excellence (AME). The alliance is intended to facilitate an increased awareness of world-class manufacturing processes, systems, and methodologies that will maintain

and enhance a client company's competitive position in the world marketplace. In addition the agreement serves to:

- Increase the appreciation for, and understanding of, manufacturing's positive role in an economic growth and prosperity.
- Recognize manufacturing entities for their excellence in manufacturing operations and processes focused toward "world class" accomplishments in quality, cost, delivery and business results.
- Highlight the contribution existing manufacturers can make to the commercialization of nanotechnology-enabled materials and devices.
- Support the development of a robust, sustainable, domestic nanomanufacturing infrastructure.

The agreement highlights AME as the most recognized and most respected professional organization for knowledge in manufacturing excellence and NNMC as the valued resource for commercializing nanomanufacturing. The efforts of the organizations is seen as highly complementary as both will be important contributors to promoting excellence in nanomanufacturing.

One of the more important aspects of the alliance will be the jointly hosted nanomanufacturing workshops and in contributing to each others conferences. By drawing from the individual strengths of these organizations, credible and insightful progress can be achieved. NNMC is hosting the next scheduled conference November 3-5, 2008 in Savannah Georgia.

The “Nanomanufacturing & Dual Use Commercialization Conference” is targeted at industry and government advanced technology officers who are either experiencing or can contribute to solving the gaps and road blocks to nanocommercialization. Attendees range from the innovators and Tech Transfer officers into the materials and equipment suppliers and through to the marketing organizations and potential end users.

For more information please contact the Center at 478-289-2346 and see our web site at <http://www.NationalNano.org> to register for the conference. Information on AME is found at <http://www.AME.org>

The National Nanotechnology Manufacturing Center (NNMC) was created to promote rapid commercialization of nanotechnology, for both commercial and military applications, through insuring efficient manufacturing resources. Complementing interests include encouraging early definition of best practices, workplace safety procedures, and nano-specific workforce development. Resources planned for the Center include manufacturing labs, a comprehensive nano-resource database.

The NNMC is a Georgia not-for-profit corporation based in Swainsboro, Georgia.

For additional information please visit the Center’s website at NationalNano.org

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