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HI-TEC 2009 Industry Recognition Award Presented to Bart Aslin

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (July 1, 2009) – The HI-TEC Industry Recognition Award will be presented July 21, 2009 at the High Impact Technology Exchange Conference (HI-TEC) in Scottsdale, Arizona. This year's recipient is Bart Aslin, of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation.

The HI-TEC Industry Recognition Award recognizes key industry personnel for outstanding contributions to promote technology education and career awareness. Nominees for the award must have demonstrated impact on technology education on both a local and national level.

As director of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation (SME-EF), Bart Aslin tirelessly works to support—and fund—innovation in technology education. Mr. Aslin travels the nation looking for exemplary programs to support and expand. He also oversees a variety of scholarship opportunities. Since 1980, the Foundation has provided funding in excess of \$29 million in grants and scholarships.

Mr. Aslin is also instrumental in the nationally recognized high school engineering program Project Lead the Way (PLTW), particularly in bringing PLTW to middle schools through the Gateway Academies. In addition, with Mr. Aslin's support, the SME-EF is funding the National Center for Manufacturing Education's development and implementation of the career awareness website, www.careerMe.org.

In short, Mr. Aslin's leadership of the SME-EF professional industry organization is widely regarded as essential to the future of technology education in the United States. Without Bart, SME-EF would lack critical resources, energy, and enthusiasm.

This award represents HI-TEC's commitment to recognize industry colleagues who make significant contributions to the education and training of today's technology workforce.

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