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CMTC Forms "California's Manufacturing Network" to Support Small and Medium-Sized Manufacturers Throughout California

Torrance, CA – May 3, 2018 – California Manufacturing Technology Consulting (CMTC) is leading an initiative to establish "California's Manufacturing Network". The Network is a collaborative of manufacturing-focused <u>partners</u> designed to expand CMTC's ability to serve small and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs) statewide. California's Manufacturing Network delivers the capacity to provide a broad range of services from improvements on the production floor to the discovery of new products and markets. The Network measures its performance from financial impacts realized and satisfaction ratings reported via client surveys conducted by a third party.

<u>CMTC</u> works exclusively in the manufacturing sector. CMTC is one of fifty-one Centers across the nation in the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) National Network which is part of the U.S. Government's effort to develop and deploy technology, management and technical expertise for SMMs focused on improving their productivity and

global competitiveness. As a non-profit organization, CMTC's mission is to serve as a trusted advisor to manufacturers providing solutions which will grow both their businesses and the California economy.

"California's Manufacturing Network will be the "Go-To" organization to support small and medium-sized manufacturers throughout California. The Network has already expanded the number of SMMs served to more than 1,100 companies annually, generating significantly more financial impacts for our clients and for the State of California" stated Jim Watson, CMTC President & CEO.

CMTC has been the MEP Center in Central and Southern California for more than 25 years winning an MEP statewide competition which added Northern California to its service area in the fall of 2016. Last year CMTC named Gil Gonzales as the Director of Strategic Development Northern California to concentrate on expanding Network activities in the Bay Area, Sacramento and in the Northern Rural Counties of California. Gil comes to CMTC with deep experience in economic development, business development and partnership management. Gil's most recent experience has been with the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) based in San Francisco as a Senior Business Development Specialist. "I look forward to continuing to develop the capabilities of California's Manufacturing Network and CMTC's capacity in Northern California to serve more manufacturers and increase productivity and performance for companies in the region" stated Gil Gonzales.

For more information about CMTC and California's Manufacturing Network, please visit www.cmtc.com.

About CMTC

CMTC, a private non-profit corporation, was established in 1992 to provide consulting services to small and medium-sized manufacturers in California. In 2016, The U.S. Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) awarded CMTC a five-year agreement to be California's Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Center. This agreement makes CMTC the lead organization for delivering services to small and medium-sized manufacturers in California with support of partners throughout the state. Through its collaboration with these partners, CMTC will enhance operational performance, new product development, market expansion and technology adoption for manufacturers in both urban and rural centers. CMTC is part of the MEP National NetworkTM which is a unique public-private partnership that delivers comprehensive, proven solutions to U.S. manufacturers, fueling growth and advancing U.S. manufacturing. For more information visit www.cmtc.com.