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CMTC, Through Its California Manufacturing Network, Supports Small and Medium-Sized Manufacturers Throughout California

Torrance, CA – January 19, 2018 – As the California MEP Center, CMTC is now the lead organization that delivers services, via its California Manufacturing Network, to small and medium-sized manufacturers throughout the state. CMTC operates through a cooperative agreement with the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the Department of Commerce for the State of California.

The MEP Program is part of the U.S. Government's efforts to develop and deploy technology, management and technical expertise for improving the competitiveness of small and medium-sized manufacturers. CMTC's mission and vision is to deliver a broad array of services from the production floor to the discovery of new products and markets; to offer incentives to pro-active manufacturers who want to grow their business; to deploy third party surveys to measure customer impact and value; and to exceed our clients'

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expectations. Jim Watson, CMTC President & CEO stated, “CMTC is thrilled to be the lead organization supporting small and medium-sized manufacturers throughout the state of California. In 2017, CMTC served over 1,100 California manufacturers, impacting 28,000+ jobs state-wide. We look forward to expanding our alliances and partners throughout the entire state to keep California manufacturing strong and prosperous.”

Through its leadership of the California Manufacturing Network, CMTC will enhance operational performance, new products development, market expansion and technology adoption for manufacturers in both urban and rural centers. Due to its direct contact with California manufacturers, CMTC will continue to be a valuable bridge between small manufacturers for workforce, economic development and technology partners who share a passion for enhancing the manufacturing community.

In order to facilitate this process, Gil Gonzales has joined CMTC as the Director of Strategic Development Northern California. He is responsible for providing leadership, coordination, coaching and assistance for the strategic development and successful implementation of the MEP Program in Northern California. Gil comes to CMTC with deep experience in business development, managing partnerships, public relations and working with the State of California. 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 Governor Appointee – Senior Business Development Specialist. He led business attraction and retention projects within the Silicon Valley and Bay Area/Northern California assisting companies with workforce development needs, utility incentives and tax credits.

For more information about CMTC and the California 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. For more information visit www.cmtc.com.

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