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CMTC – California’s Manufacturing Extension Partnership Center – Announces that Patrick Billiter will lead the Organization in the Roles of Chief Financial Officer, Vice President of Finance and Administration, Treasurer and Secretary

Torrance, CA – February 5, 2019 – [CMTC](http://www.cmtc.com) is pleased to announce that Patrick Billiter will be taking over the positions of Chief Financial Officer, Vice President of Finance and Administration, Treasurer and Secretary. He is filling these positions held by Jack Van Buren, who is retiring after 23 years of exceptional service with CMTC. Mr. Van Buren will be assisting Patrick and his team in the areas of finance and IT management until his retirement becomes official on March 1, 2019.

Patrick brings over 20 years of experience as a pro-active and results-oriented executive leader to CMTC and its [California’s Manufacturing Network](http://www.cmtc.com); a program designed to utilize partners to serve manufacturers in both urban and rural areas statewide. His diverse background includes positions with Fortune 500 companies in the financial services, computer hardware and quick service restaurant industries. Patrick’s expertise in identifying technologies and systems that continuously improve service and collaboration will help advance CMTC and its California’s Manufacturing Network’s expansion in serving more than 1,100 small and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs) annually.

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James Watson, President and CEO of CMTC states, “Patrick’s technology and systems background will support CMTC’s desire to develop ways to more efficiently serve California manufacturers. In addition, Patrick’s strategic planning experience will contribute to the creation of a long term approach to expand the number of manufacturers served by CMTC annually.”

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 with a focus on improving their productivity and global competitiveness. For further information, 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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