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Auburn Manufacturing, Inc. Named 2017 Maine MEP Manufacturing Excellence Award Recipient

Augusta, Maine: The Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership Maine MEP will host its annual award ceremony for the 2017 Maine MEP Manufacturing Excellence Award of the Year on Friday, **October 6, 2017**, National Manufacturing Day. This year's award recipient is Auburn Manufacturing Inc., a certified Women's Business Enterprise and industry leader in the manufacturing of high-performance textiles and fabrics for extreme temperature applications.

"We're pleased to announce that this year's Manufacturing Excellence Award is presented to Auburn Manufacturing, Inc. (AMI). The award is presented to AMI in recognition of the company's efforts toward achieving world-class manufacturing status, implementing Next Generation Manufacturing Strategies required to advance in the global marketplace. Maine MEP recognizes the long-term commitment to excellence at AMI and their contributions to the Maine manufacturing community."

The MEP Manufacturing Excellence Award is presented each year to a Maine company that demonstrates the leadership, vision and manufacturing excellence that characterizes Next Generation Manufacturers. This year the Maine MEP award is presented in conjunction with **National Manufacturing Day**, a nationwide celebration of America's manufacturing excellence.

What: 2017 Maine MEP Manufacturing Excellence Award Ceremony
When: 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 6, 2016
Where: Auburn Manufacturing Inc., 130 First Flight Drive, Auburn, Maine

Friday's ceremony will feature **Keynote Speaker, Beth Colbert, National Institutes of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership Regional Manager**. Ms. Colbert has been with the NIST MEP federal program for four years and is the primary contact for assistance, resources, and sharing for the NIST MEP program partners in nine states: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island, Maryland, New Jersey and New York. Prior to joining the national program, Ms. Colbert served six years as the Center Director for the Ohio MEP program. She has also worked as a research and development engineer in manufacturing for Dow Chemical, Owens Corning, and Lafarge North America.

About Maine MEP

Maine MEP is a program of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development and an affiliate of the NIST under the U.S. Department of Commerce. The national MEP is a network of manufacturing extension centers that provide business and technical assistance to smaller manufacturers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Through MEP, manufacturers have access to more than 2000 manufacturing and business "coaches" whose job is to help firms make changes that lead to greater productivity, increased profits, and enhanced

global competitiveness. For more information on the Maine MEP program call 1-800-637-4634 or visit www.mainemep.org.