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## **NACFAM Continues Work with Commerce Secretary to Strengthen Policies for Improved Competitiveness for U.S.-based Manufacturers**

### **Secretary Carlos Gutierrez to Address NACFAM Annual Meeting**

**WASHINGTON** - Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez will address the National Council for Advanced Manufacturing (NACFAM) Annual Washington Policy Meeting of its Advanced Manufacturing Leadership Forum (AMLF) on June 9, 2005 at the Beacon Hotel in Washington, D.C.

**Secretary Gutierrez**, the keynote speaker, will focus his remarks on America's competitiveness, the impact of growth, and the economic impact of CAFTA. He will be available for Q & A immediately following his remarks. **Al Frink**, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Manufacturing & Services, will provide an update on progress made on the some 55 policy recommendations contained in the Administration's 2004 *Manufacturing in America* report.

Joining Secretary Gutierrez and Assistant Secretary Frink as featured speakers will be **Emily Stover DeRocco**, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training, **Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI)**, **Congressman Vern Ehlers (R-MI)** and **Congressman Don Manzullo (R-IL)**.

This annual event is NACFAM's premier meeting for developing its public policy research agenda for the next twelve months. Key policy issues of interest to U.S. – based manufacturers will be: **Technology & Innovation, Taxes, Supply Chain Integration, Structural Cost Reduction (health care, pensions, tort and regulatory costs), Trade, Workforce Education & Training and Energy.**

NACFAM's policy issues evolved from its March 2004 conference report entitled, *Manufacturers Answer: Focused Industry Views Towards a Comprehensive Manufacturing Strategy.*

This report summarizes the input of over 35 manufacturing associations convened by NACFAM and AMT - The Association for Manufacturing Technology as a follow up to the release of the Administration's *Manufacturing in America* strategy last year.

Questions concerning the agenda or attendance to the Annual Meeting should be directed to Colleen Vivori at 202.429.2220 x 104 or [vivoric@nacfam.org](mailto:vivoric@nacfam.org). All media inquiries should be directed to LeeSa Page at [pageL@nacfam.org](mailto:pageL@nacfam.org) or 202-429-2220 ext. 102.

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