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**NACFAM Changes Name to
National Council for Advanced Manufacturing
To Underline Think Tank Role
*Releases Names of National Experts Panel to Support This Role***

WASHINGTON, D.C. - NACFAM, formerly known as the National Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing, today announced its name change to National *Council* for Advanced Manufacturing at the annual Washington policy meeting of its Advanced Manufacturing Leadership Forum. States Leo Reddy, CEO and Founder of NACFAM:

“Changing our name from ‘Coalition’ to ‘Council’ emphasizes our role as a non-profit 501(c)(3) think tank--not a lobbying organization--focused on manufacturing-related policy research and analysis. This builds on NACFAM’s success since its founding in 1989 as a leader in developing national strategies, policies and programs designed to strengthen the productivity, competitiveness and innovation of U.S. -based manufacturing.”

Eric Mittelstadt, Chairman Emeritus of FANUC Robotics NA and Chairman of NACFAM’s Advanced Manufacturing Leadership Forum further notes, “The accelerating changes in manufacturing deriving from new technologies, the emergence of China as a manufacturing powerhouse, and defense industrial base transformation to meet changing national security requirements all call for a think tank that develops strategies for a new industrial era. NACFAM is well suited to play this role.”

NACFAM’s industry-led Leadership Forum has identified several areas in which public policy plays a critical role in manufacturing and requires in -depth analysis and strategic thought:

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- technology and innovation
- workforce education and training
- tax policy and cost reduction
- supply chain performance
- trade policy

To address these issues in a non-partisan, non-adversarial and thoughtful setting, NACFAM has recently added several Members of Congress to its Advanced Manufacturing Leadership Forum. As a “virtual” think tank that calls upon leading experts to address complex issues, NACFAM has also newly established a “National Experts” Panel. A copy of the list of Panel members is attached.

More information about NACFAM can be found at www.nacfam.org.

NACFAM National Experts Panel

Technology and Innovation

Dr. Thomas Fiorino, President, Advanced Products Transition Corporation; former Director, Manufacturing and Quality, F-16 Systems Program, USAF

Jeff Kueter, Executive Director, George C. Marshall Institute

Dr. Michael Radnor, Professor, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University

Workforce Development

Betsy Brand – Co-Director, American Youth Policy Forum; former Assistant Secretary, Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education

Nancy Mills – Executive Director, AFL-CIO Working for America Institute

Dr. James Van Erden – Senior Advisor, DTI Associates; former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor

Tax Policy and Cost Issues

Ernest S. Christian, Jr. – Counsel, Center for Strategic Tax Reform

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Pete Davis - President, Davis Capital Investment; former Senior Staff and Revenue Estimator, Joint Committee on Taxation

Supply Chain

Gary N. Conley - President, Techsolve, Inc.

Dr. Steven Starling, Director, Resident Supply Chain Programs, University of San Diego

Performance Metrics

John Brandt – CEO, The MPI Group; former Editor-in-Chief, *Industry Week*

Dr. Dan Luria – Vice President, Performance Measurement, Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center

Dr. Charles McMillian – President, MGB Associates

Trade Policy

Dr. Catherine Mann – Senior Fellow, Institute for International Economics

Dr. Steven Suranovic – Associate Professor, Economics and International Affairs, George Washington University