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Composites One Announces Educational Partnership with IACMI

Composites One, Closed Mold Alliance and MVP to Lead Four Advanced Composites Schools in 2016

Dallas, TX, November 2, 2015... Composites One, the nation's leading distributor of composite materials, and the Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation (IACMI), one of eight organizations comprising the National Network of Manufacturing Innovation, announced their new partnership to customers, exhibitors and the press during CAMX 2015 in Dallas.

Through the new partnership, Composites One, along with the Closed Mold Alliance and Magnum Venus Products (MVP), will lead four schools in advanced processes and products at key IACMI locations beginning in Spring 2016. A public-private partnership, IACMI is supported by the US Department of Energy's Advanced Manufacturing Office and is one of eight organizations comprising the National Network of Manufacturing Innovation.

"Composites One, like IACMI, is dedicated to the advancement of our industry," said Composites One President and COO Leon Garoufalos during the announcement. "With this new partnership, we can help prepare the next generation of composites professionals, as well as ensure that our industry's existing workforce is up to speed on the latest technologies." Also speaking at the event were IACMI CEO Dr. Craig Blue and MVP President & CFO Peter Hedger.

"We are proud to partner with Composites One, along with the Closed Mold Alliance and Magnum Venus Products. Cross-organization collaboration reinforces our mission to accelerate the development and adoption of cutting-edge manufacturing technologies for low-cost, energy-efficient manufacturing of advanced composites. This partnership will positively impact innovation in manufacturing and advance the existing workforce composites ecosystem." said IACMI-The Composites Institute, CEO Craig Blue.

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The upcoming schools, dates and locations include:

- *Process & Advanced Materials Workshop* – April 5-6 in Knoxville, Tennessee (Oak Ridge National Lab)
- *Intermediate Processing & Wind Energy Workshop* – June 14-15 in Denver, Colorado (NREL)
- *Process & Advanced Materials Workshop* – August 9-10 in West Lafayette, Indiana (Purdue University)
- *Process & Automotive Market Advances in Composites* – November 1-2 in Detroit, Michigan (Michigan State)

Schools are designed to help participants become more adept in advanced and closed mold processing, out-of-autoclave production, additive manufacturing (3D printing) light-weighting of products, prototyping, selecting systems and equipment, advancements in composites and high performance materials, data acquisition, modeling and simulation.

To help achieve this goal, sessions will be led by experienced process experts from Composites One and the Closed Mold Alliance, a resource dedicated to helping manufacturers make a successful conversion to closed mold and other advanced processes. Along with Composites One, the Alliance founding members include Magnum Venus Products and RTM North Ltd.

Additional details on each school are now being finalized. For more information, please call Composites One at 800-621-8003, or visit compositesone.com.

About IACMI: The Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation (IACMI), managed by the Collaborative Composite Solutions Corporation (CCS), is a partnership of industry, universities, national laboratories, and federal, state and local governments working together to benefit the nation's energy and economic security by sharing existing resources and co-investing to accelerate development and commercial deployment of advanced composites. The national institute is supported by a \$70 million commitment from the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Manufacturing Office and over \$180 million committed from IACMI's partners. Find out more at IACMI.org.

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About Composites One: Composites One is the nation's leading distributor of composite materials, serving customers from more than 35 locations in North America. Composites One offers composites fabricators and molders thousands of products from more than 600 of the industry's top suppliers through a technical sales and customer service force that is the most knowledgeable in the industry. The company offers a variety of value added services that include a dedicated advanced composites team, closed mold technologies, technical applications reviews, and unmatched regulatory compliance assistance. Composites One is headquartered in Arlington Heights, IL. Find out more at www.compositesone.com.

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