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MAMTC Comments on President Obama’s Scheduled Jobs Speech
Highlights the importance of manufacturing jobs to support economic growth in Kansas

Wichita, Kan. September 8, 2011— President Barack Obama will address the nation tonight to unveil his proposed jobs plan, which is expected to outline a variety of measures in both the public and private sectors to help stimulate job creation and economic growth.

MAMTC appreciates the strong, bi-partisan assistance the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program has received thus far from the Administration and Congress and is calling on both to continue their support by making America’s small manufacturers a critical component of any jobs plan. “American manufacturers can compete and win. Our country needs a jobs plan that will help small manufacturers create jobs and enhance our global competitiveness through the investment in small-to-midsized companies,” said Sandy Johnson, MAMTC CEO.

Despite a weakening economic landscape, the U.S. [MEP](#) program, funded by the Department of Commerce, helped create 72,075 jobs in 2009 alone. MAMTC is the MEP center for Kansas.

“The current job scene in America is discouraging, but manufacturing has the potential for significant growth,” Johnson commented. “However, progress has slowed and small manufacturers in particular face many challenges. If policymakers tout that small business is the economic cornerstone to U.S. growth, than more should be done to help small manufacturers succeed.”

MAMTC helps small and medium sized manufacturers become more efficient and profitable by adopting the latest technologies, processes and business practices. In Fiscal Year 2010, MAMTC clients reported over \$110.7 million in increased sales, \$18.5 million in reduced costs, 521 jobs created or retained, \$46.8 million in capital investment, and an estimated \$24.7 in additional payroll as a result of our services.

MAMTC has worked with Aero-Tech Engineering/Manufacturing Inc. in Wichita, KS to improve its operations with process improvements and Lean manufacturing. Aero-Tech is one of the leading manufacturers of spare parts and components for the aerospace industry.

“I hope that the President’s plan considers how important small manufacturers are to our economic recovery,” said Thomas Simon, Aero-Tech Engineering/Manufacturing Inc. President and CEO. “With better access to capital, reduced operating and shipping costs, a qualified labor pool and best business practices, we can be competitive and create high-paying jobs.”

“We work with manufacturers throughout the state who are developing new products and processes, improving their business practices and investing in technologies to make them more competitive,” Johnson said. “Aero-Tech is proof that American manufacturing is not dead,” continued Johnson. “They are a progressive company doing the right things to ensure success despite bad economic times.”

About MAMTC

MAMTC provides measurable productivity and profitability gains to manufacturers throughout Kansas. As a not-for-profit organization, MAMTC’s experts bring unbiased recommendations and world-class techniques to manufacturing, printing and distribution companies. MAMTC’s 20/20 vision focuses on 20 percent growth and 20 percent cost reductions to keep manufacturing companies competitive and communities thriving. MAMTC’s key business areas include: lean enterprise, quality management / ISO, Six Sigma, growth strategies, human resources, plant layout, leadership development, marketing, technology / automation, environmental compliance, business planning and supply chain management. MAMTC is an affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology-Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST-MEP) and the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Aero-Tech Engineering/Manufacturing Inc.

Aero-Tech Engineering/Manufacturing Inc. was founded in 1994. It is one of the leading manufacturers of spare parts and components for the aerospace industry. Aero-Tech provides cost-effective, on-time quality manufacturing processes that help its customers become competitive in the global marketplace.

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