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Aerospace Manufacturing CEO to Speak at ITEEA International Conference

RESTON, Virginia, October 6, 2011 – The International Technology and Engineering Educators Association is pleased to announce Kellie Johnson as its Teacher Excellence General Session speaker at the Long Beach, CA Conference in March, 2012. Johnson is President of ACE Clearwater Enterprises, a third generation family-owned manufacturing company specializing in complex formed and welded assemblies for the aerospace and power generation industries. Currently Johnson serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers and is Chair of NAM's Small and Medium Manufacturers (SMM) Group. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the Manufacturing Institute.

In 2006, Ms. Johnson was appointed to the Department of Commerce's Manufacturing Council, and was reappointed under the current administration. She is past Chair of the California Manufacturing & Technology Association, and previously chaired the Manufacturing Working Group for the California Space Authority. In 2008 Kellie was named California Industry Person of the Year by the California Industrial and Technology Education Association. Her company aggressively promotes internship programs to expose young people to engineering and other manufacturing related careers by working closely with Community Colleges and Universities.

At the ITEEA General Session she will be giving her perspective on the need to promote careers in manufacturing and engineering, and the importance of educators understanding the requirements of employers who are looking to them for the next generation workforce.

ITEEA's Long Beach Conference will be held March 15-17, 2012. For the latest conference information, go to www.iteea.org/Conference/conferenceguide.htm.

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