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ABI Partners with Kinetic Technologies to Host Cobot Automation Event

DES MOINES, Iowa – The Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) has partnered with Kinetic Technologies, University of Northern Iowa, Hawkeye Community College, and regional economic development organizations to host an event on cobot automation. Join local manufacturers, business leaders, and talent pipeline specialists in Waterloo on June 27.

Featured speakers include Mark Barglof, President of Kinetic Technologies, L.L.C, as well as leaders from CIRAS and Iowa Economic Development Authority. Industry experts will discuss workforce solutions and ways companies could implement automation to help take their facilities to the next level.

"I am continually impressed at the resourcefulness of our Iowa manufacturers," said Mike Ralston, ABI President. "The first Cobot Automation Summit held in Algona attracted participants from over two hours away. Solutions for workforce and efficiency are often a major draw, but the strong interest for this event demonstrates their willingness to innovate, evolve and compete."

A panel discussion will also explore cobot use cases, implementation considerations, and ways that factories can increase productivity and worker safety while reducing labor costs. Panelists include George Brancato - FANUC America Corporation, Will Healy III - Universal Robots, and Adam Jackson - Power/mation.

Attendees will have multiple opportunities for hands-on interaction with cobot exhibits.

For an in-depth look at the agenda, visit <http://www.iowaabi.org/events>

To RSVP or learn more about other ABI events, please contact Kelsey O'Connor at koconnor@iowaabi.org or 515-235-0571.

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