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Elevate Iowa to Honor 2022 Legends in Manufacturing Leaders
Four Awardees to be Recognized for Their Commitment to Iowa's
Manufacturing Community and Economy

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) and Elevate Advanced Manufacturing will recognize **four manufacturing leaders** October 4th at its annual Legends in Manufacturing dinner. This is the state's largest event dedicated to manufacturing.

The four Legends in Manufacturing leaders were chosen out of hundreds of nominations for their contributions to Iowa's largest industry by displaying leadership in their companies and by engaging in activities supporting manufacturing. In addition, all former Legends have been invited to attend and be honored once again.

"This year's Legends honorees play a significant role in promoting advanced manufacturing, which contributes \$33 billion annually to Iowa's economy." ABI President Mike Ralston said, "They are setting the bar statewide and are at the forefront of collaborating with other community leaders to build Iowa's workforce. They are constantly strategizing on how to strengthen the manufacturing industry and ways to support future workforce."

The following individuals, companies and organizations are the 2022 Legends in Manufacturing awardees and will be recognized at the dinner on October 4, 2022:

- **Under 100 Employees:** Kirk McCollough, Seneca Foundry (Webster City)
- **100-300 Employees:** John Bruntz, CemenTech (Indianola)
- **300+ Employees:** Jerry Krantz, SSAB (Muscatine)
- **Manufacturing Champion:** Debi Durham, Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority

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The Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) has been the voice of Iowa business since 1903. Its mission is to provide a strong, unified voice to business and industry on issues affecting Iowa employers. ABI is comprised of 1,500 member companies of all types and sizes in all 99 counties employing more than 330,000 Iowans.

ABOUT ELEVATE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING: Elevate Advanced Manufacturing is a statewide, integrated marketing initiative of the ABI Foundation to promote careers and educational pathways in advanced manufacturing. Learn more at www.elevateiowa.com.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Members of the media interested in covering the 2022 Legends in Manufacturing dinner or interviewing awardees should reach out to Michele Farrell at 515.419.8357 or mfarrell@measuredintentions.com.