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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 9TH ANNUAL "VALLEY MADE" MANUFACTURING SUMMIT

More than 900 attendees expected; 80 exhibitors and 12 topical workshop sessions

Fresno, California May 17, 2024 The San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance (SJVMA) and the Fresno Business Council (FBC) have announced that their 9th Annual "Valley Made" Manufacturing Summit will take place on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fresno Convention Center Exhibit Hall.

The Manufacturing Summit is designed as a workshop and resource expo that celebrates the Valley's history of innovation in manufacturing while providing resources and networking opportunities that continue to build a well-trained, outstanding workforce. At its core, the Summit promotes cross-sector collaboration aimed at creating a globally competitive environment for the Valley's manufacturing industry. Employers who are exhibiting or sponsoring the day of the event are invited to participate in the concurrent job fair which is open to the public for those seeking jobs in the industry.

"The Summit brings together the whole ecosystem of the essential industry of manufacturing and makes sure that they have the proper resources in order to be successful," said Genelle Taylor Kumpe, CEO of SJVMA. "We're beyond excited to unveil the ninth edition of our event, brimming with top-tier talent, thought-provoking speakers, and invaluable resources. Here's to another year of innovation, collaboration, and transformative growth!"

To learn about sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities at the 2024 "Valley Made" Manufacturing Summit, please contact Genelle Taylor Kumpe at <u>genelle@sjvma.org</u>. Early registration ticket prices are \$150 through July 31, 2024 and will go up to \$175 after that. Members are eligible to receive discounted rates. Event tickets are available at <u>sjvma.org/summit</u> and only a limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Officials are expecting more than 900 manufacturing industry attendees including CEOs, technology management, human resources directors, industry service providers and Career Technical Education partners.

For more information on the 9th Annual "Valley Made" Manufacturing Summit, visit <u>sjvma.org/summit</u>.

VISUALS

Click <u>HERE</u> to see photos from the 2023 "Valley Made" Manufacturing Summit and click <u>HERE</u> for a recap video of the event.

ABOUT SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY MANUFACTURING ALLIANCE

With an aim to create social and economic change with a lasting impact on Fresno's community, the Fresno Business Council (FBC) combines its collective passion and intellectual capital to form strategic solutions for local issues. The Council's CEO and board take a leadership role in executing their strategies and have been the force behind major local initiatives involving education, land use, workforce development, and more. Among the many projects incubated and launched by the FBC is the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance (SJVMA), which provides support for local manufacturers through elevating the workforce pipeline, educating the public on the industry, building constructive relationships, and hosting the annual Valley Made Summit.

To learn more about the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance, visit sivma.org.

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