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# Press Release

3rd STEP Awards Recognize Women for Excellence in Manufacturing

The manufacturing Institute will honor Jo Ann Brumit, CEO at KARLEE Company.

Washington, DC, March 4 2015: The Manufacturing Institute announced they will award Jo Ann Brumit with the Women in Manufacturing STEP (Science, Technology, Engineering and Production) Award. The STEP Awards honor women who have demonstrated excellence and leadership in their careers and represent all levels of the manufacturing industry, from the factory-floor to the C Suite.

"I am extremely humbled and honored to be recognized with such an amazing group of women. These women have used their talents and influence to be trailblazers in the field of manufacturing. They demonstrate both the excitement and opportunities manufacturing holds for girls and women," said Jo Ann Brumit, CEO.

"These 130 women are the faces of exciting careers in manufacturing" said Jennifer McNelly, president, The Manufacturing Institute. "We chose to honor these women because they each made significant achievements in manufacturing through positive impact on their company and the industry as a whole". The STEP Awards are part of the larger STEP Ahead initiative, launched to examine and promote the role of women in the manufacturing industry through recognition, research and leadership for attracting, advancing and retaining strong female talent.

A recent survey from Deloitte and The Manufacturing Institute found that 80 percent of American manufacturing companies have a moderate to severe shortage of available, qualified workers.

On March 26, The Manufacturing Institute will recognize 130 recipients of the STEP Awards at a reception in Washington, D. C. The STEP Awards program will highlight each honoree's story, including their leadership and accomplishments in manufacturing.

KARLEE is a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient and is recognized as one of the Top10 Woman-owned Business in the DFW. They are a provider of contract manufacturing services including precision machining, sheet-metal fabrication, mechanical assembly and electro-mechanical integrations. For more information, please contact [www.karlee.com](http://www.karlee.com) or [sales@karlee.com](mailto:sales@karlee.com)

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