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## **High Value Manufacturing Resiliency Partners Introduces Full-Range Consulting Services for Manufacturing Start-Ups**

**Unique collaboration drives strategic growth of manufacturing in the U.S. to strengthen supply chain resiliency**

**Nashville, TN** (11/30/21) – High Value Manufacturing Consulting (HVMC) announces the creation of High Value Manufacturing Resiliency Partners, joining two other Tennessee-based consulting organizations – Triple Edge Strategies LLC (3Edge) and Intelligent Mobility Planning LLC.

HVM Resiliency Partners combines the industry expertise and experience-based services of the three firms to help domestic and international companies launch manufacturing facilities within the United States, thereby strengthening supply chain resiliency.

“This collaboration significantly enhances our collective range of consulting services and the overall value we offer to clients,” said Bill May, president and founder of HVMC. “With current global supply chain complications, manufacturers are migrating facilities closer to their customers to meet market demand more efficiently. High Value Manufacturing Resiliency Partners supports those manufacturers throughout the entire process of on-shoring operations.”

The HVM Resiliency Partners will support economic development agencies, government entities, and manufacturers by delivering hands-on consulting services across four stages of manufacturing start-ups: 1) Capture/Siting, 2) Planning, 3) Launch, and 4) Sustain.

According to Shari Meghreblian, Ph.D., president and founder of 3Edge, “Based on our collective industry experience, we are able to anticipate and prevent common issues that may arise during a

launch. Related to environmental compliance and sustainability, it is critical to understand regulatory requirements and involve key stakeholders especially in the early stages of siting.”

“The success of a plant start-up requires having the right people involved and building the necessary skill sets with training and mentoring throughout planning, launch, and beyond,” said Thomas Brewer, president & CEO of Intelligent Mobility Planning. “All three of us have individually managed large-scale, complex projects for global manufacturers...we know what needs to be done and how to do it.”

HVM Resiliency Partners will be managed by Pat Smith, Lead of Supplier Quality Management Strategies at HVMC. Smith has 32 years of manufacturing experience related to program launches, quality systems, compliance, and continuous improvement initiatives at automotive and aerospace OEMs and supplier facilities.

The four individuals that comprise HVM Resiliency Partners have 140 years of combined experience in the manufacturing industry, including 70 plant launches. May founded HVMC after a four-decade career in automotive manufacturing, working with industry giants like General Motors and Ford. Meghreblian founded 3Edge, a specialized environmental consulting and public affairs firm, following her role as Commissioner of the TN Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and a career in engineering and leadership roles with General Motors and Saturn Corporation. Brewer founded Intelligent Mobility Planning following 34 years with General Motors in financial leadership and global launch positions; he also served as Managing Director for Workforce Development in Southern Middle Tennessee and Associate Vice President at Tennessee Tech University.

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