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Frank and Lillian Gilbreth Industrial Engineering Award ***Dr. James A. Tompkins***

RALEIGH, NC – Dr. James A. Tompkins received the prestigious Frank and Lillian Gilbreth Industrial Engineering Award at the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) Annual Conference and EXPO 2015 held in Nashville, Tennessee on June 1, 2015. This award is the highest and most esteemed honor bestowed by IIE. It recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves through contributions to the welfare of mankind in the field of industrial engineering. The contributions are of the highest caliber and nationally or internationally recognized.

Dr. Tompkins, the Founder and CEO of Tompkins International headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina is an international authority on supply chain strategy, focusing on implementation of end-to-end supply chains that are demand driven.

Dr. Tompkins' 35-plus years as CEO of Tompkins International, a consulting integration firm and his focus on helping companies achieve profitable growth has given him an insider's view into what makes great companies even better.

Dr. Tompkins has written or contributed to more than 30 books, including *Caught Between the Tiger and the Dragon*, *Bold Leadership*, *Logistics and Manufacturing Outsourcing*, *The Supply Chain Handbook*, *No Boundaries*, and *Facilities Planning*. He has also given over 1,500 lectures internationally.

Dr. Tompkins has served as the President of the Institute of Industrial Engineers, the Materials Management Society, and the College-Industry Council on Material Handling Education, and Purdue University has named him a Distinguished Engineering Alumni.

Dr. Tompkins received his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering, his Master of Science in Industrial Engineering, and his Ph.D., all from Purdue University.

"I could not be more honored or grateful to have received the 2015 Frank and Lillian Gilbreth Industrial Engineering Award. To be a part of the ranks of those that have received this award over the years is truly humbling. I could think of no better honor to have received and from such an outstanding Honors Steering Committee. I would like to thank my family present tonight, IIE, and all of my colleagues in the field of industrial engineering."

Dr. Tompkins also stated, "this great honor would not have been received without the continued support of my family." Sharon Marie wife and mother of their three children Tiffany Burns, Jamie Heaward, and James Tompkins Jr., along with their eight grandchildren Savannah, Jason, Gavin, James, Reagan, Audrey, Jaden, and Anna.

About Tompkins International:

A supply chain consulting and implementation firm that maximizes supply chain performance and value creation. We enable clients to be more profitable and valuable, while also becoming more agile, flexible, and adaptive to the marketplace. Tompkins collaborates with client teams to develop improved operations strategies, supply chain planning, and execution across all the Mega Processes of supply chains (PLAN-BUY-MAKE-MOVE-DISTRIBUTE-SELL). Tompkins is headquartered in Raleigh, NC and has offices throughout North America and in Europe and Asia. For more information, visit: www.tompkinsinc.com.

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