

## **MANUFACTURER'S COUNCIL**

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To promote the civic, economic and industrial position of those industries whose operations contribute significantly to the economic base, growth, and welfare of the area served by the Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce and the Allen Economic Development Group.

Chairman: Gene Heitmeyer, Colonial Surface Solutions, Inc.  
Committee meets quarterly.

### **2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

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