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CAMX 2014 Debuts in Orlando

Composites Industry's Premier Event Welcomes Thousands of Attendees, More Than 550 Exhibitors

Oct. 14, 2014 (Orlando, Fla.) [CAMX – The Composites and Advanced Materials Expo](#), the new go-to composites conference and trade show, launched today at the Orange County Convention Center. The expo, produced by the [American Composites Manufacturers Association](#) (ACMA) and the [Society for the Advancement of Material and Process Engineering](#) (SAMPE) covers all aspects of the world's composites and advanced materials communities. The exhibit hall features more than 550 exhibitors and will be open from Oct. 14-16. The education program features more than 300 sessions and will run from Oct. 13-16.

CAMX is the only source for connecting and advancing all aspects of the world's composites and advanced materials communities. The conference will cover a multitude of topics: R&D, engineering, manufacturing, service providers and end-users and applications: automotive, aerospace, marine, wind energy, software, construction and infrastructure, medical, academics, sports and leisure. CAMX is America's go-to event for products, solutions, networking and advanced industry thinking.

The conference brings together ACMA's COMPOSITES show and SAMPE's annual convention into a single, super industry event, offering the most robust conference program anywhere for the composites and advanced materials industries. CAMX includes:

- Technical presentations and expert speakers
- Awards and competitions honoring innovation, research and industry volunteers

- Networking events with professionals within the composites, advanced materials and end user markets
- Poster sessions highlighting cutting edge research
- Product displays and demonstrations from industry leading companies in the exhibit hall

"Combining our annual events was absolutely the right decision for our members and the industry. This is a unique endeavor, one that will set a new bar for composites and advanced materials education, business development, and exhibits," says SAMPE CEO Gregg Balko.

The keynote speaker at CAMX is Kevin Mickey, President of Scaled Composites and a composites industry veteran. Scaled Composites has broad experience with air vehicle design, tooling and manufacturing, composites structure design, and analysis and fabrication. The company has completed many well-known projects, including SpaceShipOne, the America's Cup Challenge race and the General Motors Ultralite Show Car. Mickey's remarks highlighted his experience leading teams to instill entrepreneurial drive and culture. He also addressed the future of composites and advanced materials, attracting new talent to the industry, and creating a culture that supports innovation and creativity.

"CAMX is the only event that encompasses the entire composites and advanced materials industry. In one place, professionals now have a unique opportunity to engage with the leaders who are shaping our future," says ACMA President Tom Dobbins.

CAMX kicked off today with the CAMX Award presentations, sponsored by Ashland Inc. The CAMX Awards, announced during today's general session, recognize cutting-edge innovations and innovators that are shaping the future of composites and advanced materials in the marketplace.

- The **Combined Strength Award** is presented to the composites product that clearly demonstrates a team approach and effort that brings together knowledge, resources, talent to produce an incredible example of the best use of composites materials that solves a problem. The award was presented to NASA in cooperation with Boeing for the **Composite Cryotank Technologies & Demonstration (CCTD) project**.
- The **Unsurpassed Innovation Award** is presented to the composites product that clearly demonstrates a novel design which bridges high performance materials and low volume manufacturing, or vice versa, to create an innovate product with the potential to significantly impact new markets. The award was presented to Composite Panel Systems, LLC for **Epitome Quality Foundation Walls**.

The CAMX Awards Pavilion in the Exhibit Hall features all twelve award finalists. A [slideshow](#) of the finalists is viewable on the CAMX website.

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About ACMA

The [American Composites Manufacturing Association](#) (ACMA) is the world's largest composites industry trade group. We are manufacturers, material and equipment suppliers, distributors, academia and end users, dedicated to growing the composites market. We serve our members and the industry by promoting the competitive advantage and versatility of composite materials. ACMA offers composites industry educational resources through our [CAMX show](#), conferences and [Certified Composites Technician \(CCT®\) program](#). We develop standards and specifications that drive preference for the use of composites in place of traditional materials. We lead advocacy efforts via legislative and regulatory channels to achieve a more viable composites industry. Together, we are shaping the future of composites.

About SAMPE

The [Society for the Advancement of Material and Process Engineering](#) (SAMPE), a global professional member society, provides information on new materials and processing technology either via technical meetings, journal publications or books in which professionals in the field can exchange ideas and air their views. As the only technical society encompassing all fields of endeavor in materials and processes, SAMPE provides a unique and valuable forum for scientists, engineers and academicians.

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