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Kimre Inc. Named Manufacturer of the Year at the 44th Annual South Florida Manufacturers Association Ceremony

MIAMI, FL. (September 15, 2023) , FL – The Economic Development Council of South Miami-Dade (EDC) and the South Florida Manufacturers Association (SFMA) today announced that Kimre, Inc. has been honored as the 2023 Manufacturer of the Year by the SFMA. The prestigious award highlights Kimre's contributions to the manufacturing industry and its commitment to excellence.

Presented on June 22nd at the Signature Grand in Davie, FL, 44th Annual Recognition of Excellence awards ceremony was attended by prominent industry leaders, community stakeholders, and dignitaries. Each year, the ceremony recognizes outstanding operational excellence for both corporations and individual employees in the manufacturing industry. Out of nearly 100 nominations, Kimre Inc., a global organization with a rich history of over 50 years in South Miami-Dade, was honored in the 31-65 employees category.

The well-deserved honor underscores South Miami-Dade's standing as an ideal destination for manufacturing, as well as the standard for innovation and quality established by Kimre, Inc. "We are deeply honored to receive the prestigious Manufacturer of the Year award from the South Florida Manufacturers Association," said George Chris Pederson, founder, SFMA, "This award reaffirms our commitment to innovation and quality and highlights the incredible potential that South Miami-Dade offers manufacturing firms. We look forward to a future filled with continued growth and development in the region."

“Kimre has been a longstanding member of SFMA and is a great example of excellence in manufacturing,” said Matthew Rocco, president of SFMA. “We are proud to honor them with this year’s Manufacturer of the Year Award.”

"Kimre exemplifies the spirit of innovation that defines the South Miami-Dade community," said Lisa Greer, chair of the EDC. We are immensely proud of Kimre's achievements and look forward to fostering further growth and collaboration within our dynamic manufacturing ecosystem of South Dade."

Along with strong incentives and tax benefits, the South Miami-Dade region has the ideal mix of real estate, a strong water and power infrastructure, great logistics with easy transportation and distribution, a sizable workforce, year-round good weather and high-quality of life with an abundance of affordable housing. These factors make it a prime destination for a wide array of industries, including manufacturing. The EDC and SFMA are committed to continuing their support for the manufacturing sector, fostering growth, and celebrating the achievements of local businesses.

For more information about South Miami-Dade's thriving manufacturing community and the exceptional opportunities it presents, please visit <https://edcsouthmiamidade.com/>.

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About Kimre, Inc.

With a vision to clean the world and create a better environment for future generations, Kimre was founded in 1973 by MIT Graduate and Florida native, George C. Pedersen. For more than 40 years, Kimre has been proud to locally manufacture our products in the United States. Fueled with passion and determination, Kimre grew from a small local business with a big vision to being a global leader in the battle against pollution.

About the South Florida Manufacturers Association

The South Florida Manufacturers Association (SFMA) has held the distinction of being the #1 resource for manufacturers in South Florida since 1961 – saving its members time and money through advocacy, networking and resources. SFMA prides itself on being member driven – creating new products and services as members’ needs change. Founded by a group of realtors who understood the importance of manufacturing to a strong economy, the SFMA has served manufacturers and related industries for over 60 years. The SFMA, in partnership with FloridaMakes, have been the driving force of \$2 billion in economic impact in South Florida since 2016. As a non-profit trade association, the mission of the SFMA has remained constant throughout its history: To Serve Manufacturers. <https://sfma.org/>

About the Economic Development Council of South Miami-Dade

The EDC of South Miami-Dade, originally called the Perrine-Cutler Ridge Council, was formed in 1993 soon after Hurricane Andrew devastated the southern part of our county. Community leaders and local business owners began working together to bring a cohesive voice to our area to bring back its vital economy. Today, the EDC's Mission is to provide support and advocacy to existing and prospective businesses and promote initiatives which bolster the vibrancy and sustainability of the South Miami-Dade region. The Vision of the EDC seeks to improve and advance quality of life, expansion of businesses and job creation through the implementation of projects that harness sustainability and resiliency through economic development, infrastructure improvements, education, and skilled workforce. The EDC continues its efforts in growing our communities together by collaborating with Private, Municipal, County, State and Federal agencies to assist in acquiring funding for the economic development efforts in South Miami-Dade. Further, the EDC is relied upon by its residents and community businesses as a vital link to resources, our government officials, and their offices to voice critical needs, quality of life issues and future economic development opportunities in our communities. <https://edcsouthmiamidade.com>