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Alcoa VP Corporate HR & Organizational Effectiveness Named 2017 STEP Ahead Vice Chairwoman

The Manufacturing Institute Names Natalie Schilling STEP Ahead Vice Chairwoman for 2017.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1, 2016: The Manufacturing Institute named Natalie Schilling, Vice President of Corporate HR & Organizational Effectiveness at Alcoa Inc., the 2017 STEP Ahead Vice Chairwoman.

The Women in Manufacturing STEP (Science, Technology, Engineering and Production) Ahead Awards honor women who have demonstrated excellence and leadership in their careers and represent all levels of the manufacturing industry, from the factory-floor to the C suite. In 2017, the Institute will honor 100 women and 30 Emerging Leaders, a category introduced to honor women under the age of 30 who have achieved unique accomplishments at the start of their careers.

The chosen women are asked to make a pledge to help advance women in manufacturing and promote the importance of a diverse workforce. Through this pledge, women commit to advocate for the manufacturing industry, mentor young women, engage employees resource groups to generate ideas and share best practices, promote personal development, and lead as an ambassador for manufacturing education.

As Vice Chairwoman, Schilling will play a large role in The Manufacturing Institute’s initiatives to attract, advance, and retain women in manufacturing. Schilling brings 25 years of global human resources experience spanning multiple industries including metals and mining, energy and media.

“Working with STEP Ahead allows me to help spread awareness on an extremely important topic for the manufacturing industry. Manufacturing needs more women leaders, and STEP Ahead is the perfect avenue to help achieve this goal,” Schilling said.

Nominations for the fifth annual STEP Ahead Awards open Aug. 1 and close Oct. 7, 2016. To nominate a woman in manufacturing, please visit https://mi.onlineapplications.net/applications/.

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