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On Manufacturing Day, SEL Employees Reflect on 30 Years of Innovation

PULLMAN, WA — October 3, 2014 — Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) employee owners celebrated Manufacturing Day by learning about the manufacturing industry's impact on the economy and on quality of life. At a company meeting, SEL Vice President of Operations Kevin Fritch presented on SEL's growth trends since the company started 30 years ago. "Manufacturing creates jobs in America," he said, emphasizing to manufacturing employees why the work they do is vital to SEL's overall success.



"We have incredibly talented people working in manufacturing careers at SEL—people who make a difference in society by virtue of the quality products that are manufactured in America and delivered to our customers worldwide," said Jackie Peer, director of SEL University.

Manufacturing Day was established as a way to address common misperceptions about manufacturing and to showcase manufacturing technology and career opportunities. In the United States, manufacturing supports 17.4 million jobs, comprises 12.5 percent of gross domestic product, and is responsible for 47 percent of total exports, according to the National Association of Manufacturers.

Manufacturing at SEL has come a long way since the company started in 1984. "We were doing good if we produced six or eight units per day," remembers Dave Strerath, senior operations manager. Today, SEL designs, manufactures, tests, packages, and delivers hundreds of thousands of products annually to customers in 144 countries.

"What hasn't changed is our customer focus," said Andy Norton, manufacturing engineering manager. "We operate state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities in several locations, but we have always focused on pleasing our customer."

In advance of Manufacturing Day, more than 600 members of the local community had an opportunity to witness modern-day manufacturing when SEL hosted an open house in Pullman, Washington, on September 16.

To learn more about SEL's world class manufacturing operations in Pullman, Washington; Lewiston, Idaho; and Lake Zurich, Illinois, please watch the video at www.selinc.com/p215.

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