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HI-TEC 2017 Industry Recognition Award Presented to Matt Glover

WACO, Texas (June 23, 2017) – The HI-TEC Industry Recognition Award will be presented July 19, 2017, at the High Impact Technology Exchange Conference (HI-TEC) in Salt Lake City, Utah. This year's recipient is Matt Glover of Le-Vel in Plano, Texas.

The HI-TEC Industry Recognition Award recognizes key industry personnel for outstanding contributions to the promotion of technology education. Nominees for these awards must have had a demonstrated impact on technology education on both the local and national levels

Glover helps the National Convergence Technology Center (CTC) (a project of the National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education program) with one purpose in mind: to ensure that graduates nationwide are well-prepared with in-demand workforce skills so that when they graduate they can land high-paying jobs. Glover co-leads the CTC's Business and Industry Leadership Team (BILT) in steering curriculum for the 60 community colleges and universities of the CTC's network and assisting in any way he can to recruit, mentor, and collaborate—with the goal of graduate readiness.

Glover manages the four quarterly BILT meetings, all of which are designed to keep faculty across the nation up to speed on cutting-edge IT trends and technologies. Three meetings are held via teleconference. The fourth meeting is a longer, more structured process that identifies knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA) nationally to align IT curriculum. For every meeting, Glover comes well prepared with the latest and most accurate and pertinent research and predictions on the future of the IT industry.

Aside from his duties as chair, Glover is always eager to work with others to improve student workforce readiness. Glover has mentored and hired students. He persuaded his previous company's (AMX) HR department to adjust its employment requirements to allow two-year degrees, not just four-year degrees, for all IT positions. Glover has given keynotes at CTC faculty professional development events. He has served on panels that assess capstone projects in a quasi-real-world environment. He frequently joins the CTC at conferences to co-present.

This award represents HI-TEC's commitment to support and recognize industry personnel who make significant contributions to the education and training of today's technology workforce.

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