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RSM's Byron Schneidman Receives 2019 Michael Cardone Leadership Award

*Award recognizes individuals for exceptional leadership in
remanufacturing and sustainability.*

Oct. 24, 2019 – Byron Schneidman, partner, RSM US LLP, is the recipient of the third annual Michael Cardone Leadership Award. The award, presented by MERA - The Association for Sustainable Manufacturing, recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership in the sustainable manufacturing community.

MERA Director Michael Cardone III, who also serves as President of MC3 Capital, and MERA President and COO, John Chalifoux, presented the award earlier this month at the MERA Sustainable Manufacturing Conference, Detroit. At the conference, they highlighted the legacy of the Cardone family and recognized Schneidman for his vision, passion, teamwork and excellence – the key traits associated with the award.

“Byron Schneidman is recognized for his outstanding leadership with the MERA CFO Council,” stated John Chalifoux. “Byron played an instrumental role on the team – over the past five years – that released both editions of the MERA core accounting and taxation publication, a first-of-its-kind document for the remanufacturing industry.”

Schneidman and his colleagues at RSM contributed to the tax section of the publication “Accounting and Taxation Principles for Cores in the Remanufacturing Industry.” In May 2019, MERA released the second edition of the document after the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) issued substantially converged final standards on revenue recognition. As a result of the ASU, the second edition incorporated current revenue recognition guidelines, along with revised examples and models.

“I am honored to receive the Michael Cardone Leadership Award,” stated Byron Schneidman. “Our firm was happy to contribute to the MERA publication that has delivered real value for member companies. Further, I am humbled that my contribution to the industry has been recognized by the members of MERA and the Cardone family.”

“With this award, we recognize and thank Byron Schneidman for his dedication and commitment to the MERA CFO Council,” said Michael Cardone III. “Byron is a true friend to all in the remanufacturing industry.”

Schneidman has more than 40 years of experience in providing income tax compliance and consulting services to public, privately owned, and family operated businesses, as well as tax and financial consultation services to individuals. He serves many automotive aftermarket clients, leads RSM’s Automotive Aftermarket Practice and is a member of RSM’s national automotive team headquartered in Detroit. Schneidman speaks at numerous industry events on topics such as “The Top 10 Ways to Increase Profitability,” “Doing Business in China,” and “Core Accounting.”

In 2017, the MERA Board of Directors announced the formation of the Michael Cardone Leadership Award to honor three generations in the Cardone family. In 1970, Michael Cardone Jr. co-founded CARDONE Industries with his late father Michael Cardone Sr. The company grew to become the largest family-owned remanufacturer of automotive parts in the world. Cardone Jr. is also the founding chairman of MERA. Today, Cardone Jr. is a special advisor to MERA. His son, Michael Cardone III, serves on the MERA Board of Directors.

Past recipients are Woody Knopf, former Chairman of Knopf Automotive, who was recognized for his leadership and pioneering efforts to establish a healthy and viable core supplier industry (2018); and Eric Smith, Owner of Impression Products, for his courage and outstanding work that led to a landmark ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court to protect the rights of remanufacturers (2017).

About MERA

MERA - The Association for Sustainable Manufacturing is recognized internationally as a leading organization for companies focused on excellence in “manufacturing with reuse.” The principal sustainable manufacturing processes are more commonly known as remanufacturing; maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO); and refurbishing. Examples of goods that go through the sustainable manufacturing process include vehicle parts, aircraft engines, MRI machines, electronic modules, and mobile phones.

MERA is a division of the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA), which has been advocating on behalf of vehicle suppliers since 1904. With roots in the transportation industry, MERA represents the interests of the broader remanufacturing community across multiple industry sectors. The MERA network of manufacturers, suppliers, universities, and professional services firms promotes the economic, environmental and product performance benefits of remanufacturing and similar forms of sustainable manufacturing.

MERA is the home of Manufactured Again Certification, where new manufacturing and sustainable manufacturing meet the same international quality standards. The program also promotes corporate social responsibility, particularly environmental stewardship. Learn more at ManufacturedAgain.com.