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CAI Honored with Two Awards in the First Half of 2017

Corona, CA — Two [awards](#) that Combustion Associates, Inc. (CAI) received this year underscores the Company's consistent efforts to innovate and improve its operations and products.

Corona, California based CAI is a total solutions company with over 25 years experience in engineering and manufacturing of power generation and process systems.

The [Manufacturer's Council of Inland Empire \(MCIE\)](#) chose CAI as the recipient of its 2017 "[Innovation in Resource and Process Efficiency Award](#)," presenting it to CAI President Ms. Kusum Kavia and VP of Operations and Engineering Dr. Pooya Kabiri at its annual Manufacturing Summit in April.

The award was one of several titled E=MC² Innovation Awards that MCIE presented at the Summit. It recognized the improvement in process efficiencies that CAI was able to achieve in its fabrication facility within months of implementing the Lean Six Sigma methodology in the areas of resource training, and manufacturing process and material flow optimization.

In a PowerPoint presentation at the awards ceremony, Dr. Kabiri highlighted the following results that were achieved:

- Improvement in the overall quality of work.
- Allows production defects to be captured at the initial stage and fixed prior to entering the main assembly line.
- Prevents rework on active projects.
- Minimizes waste and rework.
- Enhanced efficiency.

"This is not a one-time solution," Dr. Kabiri said. "We have put a system in place whereby we continue to sustain and improve this innovative solution to further cut down wastage and achieve higher efficiencies."

MCIE supports and provides education on manufacturing topics to manufacturers, employees, students, and the community. Its programs help manufacturers find solutions for issues such as employment and training, research, regulatory compliance, import and export, and funding.



From left, CAI VP of Operations & Engineering Dr. Pooya Kabiri and President Ms. Kusum Kavia accept the E=MC² Award from MCIE

The second honor that CAI received this year is the [“2017 Inland Empire Global Innovation Leadership Award.”](#) Presented by the [California State University, San Bernardino’s \(CSUSB\) Center for Global Management](#), the award recognizes CAI’s development of its signature line of power generation systems called “Spirit” and its consistent customization to meet clients’ needs over the last two decades.

CAI is an export-centric company whose power generation systems have proved to be an ideal solution for emerging economies of Africa, Asia and Central America that are striving to alleviate their acute power shortages.

The award was presented at the Inland Empire World Trade Conference, part of the World Trade Week, at San Bernardino Airport in May.

“Both recognitions are a great honor for CAI as one comes from fellow manufacturers in the region and the other from a reputable educational institution that is training the innovators of the future,” said Company President Ms. Kavia. “They encourage and inspire us to continue our efforts in refining our operation and products.”



CAI Sales & Marketing Associate Ms. Preeti Chandan received the award from CSUSB’s Prof. Vipin Gupta and Dean Larry Rose.

ABOUT CAI:

CAI is a minority, woman-owned small business that provides cutting-edge engineering and advanced manufacturing solutions to the energy, process and environmental industries worldwide. It specializes in power generation systems that are cost-effective and energy-efficient as well as in skid-mounted automated process equipment and environmental solutions. Its signature product is the Spirit™ line of power generation systems that come in 1MW – 10 MW packages. CAI's products are engineered, manufactured and tested at its state-of-the-art facility in Corona, California.

Over the years, CAI has significantly expanded its exports and global customer base allowing it to deliver products and engineering services anywhere in the world. The Company has provided solutions to clients in the U.S., Canada, China, Belize, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, China, Kazakhstan and Bangladesh.

CAI's export achievements have been widely recognized with numerous awards including the President's "E" and "E" Star awards (2016 and 2011), Exporter of the Year Award for Sub-Saharan Africa by the U.S. EXIM Bank (2009) and National Minority Person of the Year Award (2008) by the U.S. Small Business Administration. President Barack Obama himself singled-out CAI's export contribution at the U.S. –Africa Business Forum in 2014. [See video.](#)

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