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## **Lawrence Fabric & Metal Structures Celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

(St. Louis, MO – May 11, 2016) Lawrence Fabric & Metal Structures is known as the premier manufacturer of custom commercial fabric and metal awnings and canopies, fabrication of exhibit components, experiential displays and industrial architectural elements. Lawrence has won numerous industry outstanding achievement awards for fabricating and delivering custom solutions. Celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016, we are dedicated to keeping our customers satisfied while delivering our product in a timely manner. Our Goals are clear: provide a safe work environment for our employees to master their skills, foster an environment that promotes continual improvement and produce a quality product that meets or exceeds our customer's expectations.

It all began on May 16, 1941, when Lawrence Canvas Products Company opened their doors to manufacture and sell tarpaulins, truck and trailer covers. In 1984, the company grew from primarily industrial fabric products to a full service company, manufacturing and installing awnings and tents. In 1996, the name of the company changed to Lawrence Fabric Structures to better describe the wide range of fabric products that anchored the core business as they moved into a 68,000 sq. ft. plant, located in West St. Louis County.

As the company continued to grow into the 21st Century with the addition of exhibit and architectural elements, metal products became an essential part of the business. As metal components and metal awnings became a mainstay part of the business, "Metal" was added to the name, thus becoming Lawrence Fabric & Metal Structures in January, 2010.

On December 5, 2012, we earned ISO 9001 certification from Alliance International Registrar, LLC, for successfully implementing a business management system. ISO (International Organization for Standardization) is the world's largest developer and publisher of international standards. On December 4, 2015, we received our re-certification of ISO 9001 that will continue through 2018.

As of October 21, 2015, Lawrence is now owned by our employees. Lawrence employees have always provided great service and quality to our customers and the newly implemented employee stock ownership plan will promote continued success and customer satisfaction.

"We at Lawrence Fabric & Metal Structures are thankful to our many customers for making this anniversary possible," said President Mike Bowman. "Their feedback has shaped our company and their faith in our ability has sustained us. We look forward to continuing to serve our valued customers for many years to come."

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