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Smead Manufacturing Dale Olson Receives CFO of the Year Award

November 9, 2017 – Hastings, Minn. – Smead, a global leader in office management solutions, is proud to announce that Dale Olson, CFO and VP of Finance and Administration, has been presented the Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal CFO of the Year award.

The Business Journal's annual recognition of top-tier financial executives honors outstanding leaders at Twin Cities companies large and small. CFOs are a crucial part of a company's leadership team, but they often labor in relative obscurity outside their offices. Nominees were evaluated by a panel consisting of other financial executives, who scored them on their contributions to the company and the community.

As a leader, Dale demonstrates the highest levels of integrity and common sense. He pushes the status quo even after working at Smead for 35 years. He has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the company's success. With 35 years of service and 17 years leading the Finance area, Dale's accomplishments are many.

Dale provides insights, stability and analysis to keep the company preparing for the future. His leadership has been instrumental in generating profitability in a declining industry with vast international competition. He has championed business right sizing efforts that aligned operational costs, saving the company millions of dollars. In the last 35 years Dale has led many acquisitions and divestitures at Smead.

Over the years, Dale has served on a number of boards that enhance both the community and the lives of those around him. This includes 15 years on the OCAW PIUMPF Pension Board of Trustees, 12 years on the Regina Medical Center Board, 8 years on the Dakota County Technical College Foundation Board, 5+ years on Wells Fargo Hastings Community Board, 3 years on the Hastings Chamber of Commerce and 3 years on the United Way of Hastings.

About Smead: Smead Manufacturing Company, a global leader in office management systems, was established in 1906 in Hastings, Minnesota. Smead is a privately held, certified Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) offering thousands of organizational products for use in the home or office. For more information on Smead's high-quality organizational products, including hundreds of products Made in the USA, visit Smead.com.

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