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Sharon Hoffman Avent to Be Inducted Into the Minnesota Business Hall of Fame

June 25, 2018 – Hastings, Minn. – Smead, a leader in office management solutions, is proud to announce that Sharon Hoffman Avent, CEO, will be inducted into the Minnesota Business Hall of Fame Class of 2018 on July 26, 2018.

Each year, Twin Cities Business recognizes the accomplishments of Minnesota executives who have made lifetime contributions to the state's economy and to the greater community.

Avent has received significant recognition for her business acumen throughout her career and joins an elite group of individuals who rank among the most accomplished and respected Minnesota business leaders of all time. She shares this honor with her mother – Ebba Hoffman was the first woman inducted into the Minnesota Business Hall of Fame in 1977.

Avent has been dedicated not only to the continuing success of her company, but also her community. She has served on the boards of Minnesota Historical Society, Regina Healthcare, Shattuck-St. Mary's School where she was named Trustee Emeritus, and was President of the Hastings Public Schools Foundation. She has been honored with many awards for her public service including the "Building Bridges, Building Futures Award" from the Hastings Public Schools and the "Spirit of Hastings Award" from the Hastings Chamber of Commerce. Most recently, Smead was the lead donor in the Capital Campaign Drive that succeeded in building a YMCA in Hastings.

Mrs. Avent and her husband Terry have two sons and four grandchildren.

About Smead: Smead Manufacturing Company, a 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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