



***Steve Braig, Trexel President & CEO Appointed to the  
2013/2014 Manufacturing Council***

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**Wilmington, MA, March. 20, 2013** – Steve Braig, Trexel Inc. President & CEO has been appointed as one of 26 business leaders to the 2013 Manufacturing Council. The Council, established in 2004 and directed by the Department of Commerce’s International Trade Administration, helps to ensure that there is regular communication between the U.S. government and the manufacturing sector.

Braig, who also currently serves the plastics industry as an Executive Board member of the Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI), was nominated as a candidate to serve on the Council in November, 2012 and his appointment was announced on March 14 by U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Rebecca Blank.

“I am honored to have been selected to serve on the Council,” said Braig. “I will have an opportunity to represent the interests of the plastics industry on the Council and speak to the issues that are important to our industry, including workforce development, access to cheap energy and free trade agreements, among others,” he added.

“Keeping our manufacturing sector strong is critical to job growth in the United States,” Blank said. “The Department of Commerce is focused on supporting U.S. manufacturers as they build things here, so they can sell them everywhere.

The Council has an important role to play in shaping the direction of our nation's manufacturing strategy and supporting American businesses and workers.”

### **More About the Manufacturing Council**

The Manufacturing Council serves as the principal private sector advisory committee to the Secretary of Commerce on the United States manufacturing sector. The Council is charged with ensuring regular communication between the federal government and the manufacturing sector, advising the Secretary of Commerce on government policies and programs that affect United States manufacturing and provide a forum for discussing and proposing solutions to industry-related problems and to ensure that the United States remains the preeminent destination for investment in manufacturing throughout the world.

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