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**MANUFACTURER'S EDGE ANNOUNCES  
NEW ADDITION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Suzan Damron, Vice-President of Accounting, Finance & IT at Birko Corporation  
joins the non-profit Board of Directors*

**(Denver, CO)** Manufacturer's Edge, the official Manufacturing Extension Partnership Center for the State of Colorado, is pleased to announce the recent addition of Suzan Damron to the Board of Directors.

Ms. Damron has a wealth of experience in finance, food safety, leadership, and manufacturing. Before relocating to Colorado, Damron spent several years as a business leader in her home state of Illinois. Damron brings a variety of different skills and experiences to the Board and has, over the course of her career, learned to wear many different hats. At one point, she held three roles simultaneously (CFO, COO, and executive management team member) at VIPAR Heavy Duty, Inc.

"My passion lies with helping small- and medium-sized manufacturers, especially family-owned businesses, increase their value," says Damron. "My 20 years of experience combined with the resources that Manufacturer's Edge provides, will allow me to take that passion further."

"Suzan brings detailed financial expertise and market leadership in support of the industry of food safety, which is rapidly becoming a critical issue for the State of Colorado," says Board Chair Mickle Bragg of Geotech Environmental Equipment. "We have a shared mission to help Colorado manufacturers and she will be a wonderful addition to the team".

**ABOUT BIRKO CORPORATION**

At Birko, nothing is more important than making sure the food chain is secure, safe and pathogen-free. For more than three generations, Birko is committed to turning great science into valuable new products, developing innovative custom

equipment that saves time and resources through precision application, and providing excellent customer service. It's all part of The Birko Advantage - integrated food and beverage safety solutions provided by highly trained and experienced professionals. Visit [birkocorp.com](http://birkocorp.com) to learn more.

#### ABOUT MANUFACTURER'S EDGE

Manufacturer's Edge is a statewide manufacturing assistance center serving manufacturers across the state of Colorado. Part of the MEP National Network under the Department of Commerce, Manufacturer's Edge is one of 51 state-based centers in the United States, all focused on growing manufacturing through onsite coaching, consulting, and training.

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