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IPS METRO RECEIVES NATIONAL CERTIFICATION AS A WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS

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St. Paul, Minn.— IPS Metro, a St. Paul-based custom crane manufacturer, received national certification as a Women’s Business Enterprise by the Women’s Business Development Center – Minnesota (WBDC), a regional certifying partner of the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC).

WBENC’s national standard of certification implemented by the Women’s Business Development Center – Minnesota (WBDC), is a meticulous process including an in-depth review of the business and site inspection. The certification process is designed to confirm the business is at least 51% owned, operated and controlled by a woman or women.

Jackie O’Connell, President and CEO of IPS Metro stated, “We are very proud to earn the Women-Owned Business Enterprise Certification as it allows us to continue to support women entrepreneurs in business and manufacturing, while having a positive impact on strengthening our community and economy.”

About IPS Metro:

Founded in 2016 in St. Paul, Minn., IPS Metro is the exclusive manufacturer of the patent-pending IPS Metro Crane, an emission-free, eco-friendly metro subway crane. IPS Metro is a certified Women’s Business Enterprise by the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). IPS Metro was founded by Jackie O’Connell, President and CEO of IPS CRANES. **About IPS CRANES:** Founded in 1988 in St. Paul, Minn., IPS CRANES is a premier custom crane manufacturer and a locomotive and crawler crane manufacturer, who prides itself on delivering innovative, sustainable crane solutions around the world. IPS CRANES is the exclusive manufacturer of OEM American and Ohio locomotive crane replacement parts as well as supplying American Hoist and Manitowoc crawler crane parts. IPS specializes in custom crane manufacturing, upgrades/repair/rebuild services, field service, technical support, crane evaluations, maintenance/operator training and a crane rental fleet. IPS CRANES acquired the American & Ohio Locomotive Crane Company in May, 2017, making IPS CRANES the only OEM for American and Ohio locomotive cranes, and the industry’s broadest and deepest range of crane manufacturing, services and resources. IPS CRANES operates a full-service repair, rebuild and manufacturing facility in Duluth, Minn. with Class 1 rail access. IPS CRANES continues to build a legacy of crane industry leadership. For more information, visit www.ipsmetro.com and www.ipscranes.com.

About WBENC

The Women’s Business Enterprise National Council is the nation’s largest third party certifier of businesses owned and operated by women in the United States. WBENC is a resource for the more than 700 US companies and government agencies that rely on WBENC’s certification as an integral part of their supplier diversity programs.

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