



ANNOUNCEMENT

From
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President & CEO

I am pleased to announce that Chicago Tube & Iron has joined Affiliated Distributors. A.D.'s stated mission:

Bring growth oriented independent distributors and best-in-class supplier partners together with the purpose to outperform the market and stay ahead of the competition.

Based upon this mission statement, you will agree that CTI is a perfect fit for A.D., as well as A.D. being a critical addition to our strategic planning for future growth. After 20 years as a founding member of the Delta buying group, we have elected to depart Delta and join A.D. in an effort to “elevate our game.” Our primary points of contact for our A.D. relationship will be Bill Zielinski/Chief Operating Officer, Jim Farnan/VP Procurement, and Rob Powers/Director of Marketing PVF, all of whom will represent us at the forthcoming annual A.D. conference in September.

We are impressed with the A.D. model and their leadership, particularly Jeffrey Beall, President - PVF and Gary Jackson, Vice President - PVF. I am most excited about this new strategic relationship and encourage you to look forward to future successes as a result of this partnership.