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HI-CONE LEADER RECOGNIZED WITH PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Sherri Lydon, Business Unit Manager with Hi-Cone, a division of Illinois Tool Works, Inc., has been honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award for her outstanding contribution to Keep Chicago Beautiful (KCB). Joyce Kagan Charmatz, president of Keep Chicago Beautiful, presented Sherri with the award and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States at the recent 24th Anniversary Vision Awards Luncheon in Chicago. Sherri received the highest level of the President's Volunteer Service Award, the Lifetime Award, which requires 4,000 hours of volunteer service.

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation (the Council) was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. The Council created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

Sherri has served on the Board of Directors for Keep Chicago Beautiful since 2008. As a KCB Education Committee Member, Sherri and Hi-Cone sponsor educational workshops in which elementary school teachers are presented with engaging, environmental curriculum.

Sherri's work with the KCB also provides Hi-Cone with additional opportunities to support environmental initiatives directly in the community. Illinois Tool Works has supported Keep America Beautiful for over 25 years and Hi-Cone has actively participated with Keep Chicago Beautiful since 1990.

Sherri is also active in the Ocean Conservancy International Coastal Cleanup, where, every September, Sherri and her Hi-Cone coworkers can be found at Chicago's Osterman/Hollywood Beach, collecting and documenting litter. Additionally, Sherri devotes time to teaching basic economic and business classes in the Junior Achievement elementary school program.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service and inspires others to make service a central part of their lives. Hi-Cone joins Keep Chicago Beautiful in congratulating Sherri on this honor.