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**BENDIX HONORS EMPLOYEES FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN
SAFETY, QUALITY, PRODUCTIVITY, AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

*Celebrating Its 10th Anniversary, Knorr Production System (KPS) Awards Program
Recognizes Individuals and Teams Representing Facilities Across North America*

AVON, Ohio – June 5, 2023 – The people who wear the blue of Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) are at the heart of the company’s commitment to drive improvements in its operations. Recently, Bendix employees from across its North American locations gathered in Avon, Ohio, where the company is headquartered, to recognize teams and individuals who are helping improve workplace safety, environmental conditions, production quality, and manufacturing efficiency.

Employees recognized in the annual award program represented Bendix facilities in Acuña, Mexico; Avon; Bowling Green, Kentucky; Hanover, Pennsylvania, where Bendix subsidiary R.H. Sheppard Co., Inc. operates; and Huntington, Indiana. Bendix honored four groups and 15 individuals for their commitment to continuous improvement in 2022 as part of the company’s Knorr Production System (KPS). In addition to their dedication to continuous improvement, these team members embody Bendix’s all-encompassing drive to help improve commercial vehicle and highway safety.

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the recognition program, which has expanded in scope to honor more employees and their devotion to continuously improving Bendix’s work environment at all levels.

KPS award categories consisted of Safety STARS (Safety Top Achievement Recognition System), Environmental, Best Quick Kaizen, Most Quick Kaizens, and KPS Outstanding Contributor. Award winners were:

- Safety STARS: Acuña Los Socios (25 members), Bowling Green Quality team (26 members), Hanover Plant 6 (22 members), Huntington Shipping Fast Break 2nd Shift (23 members)
- Environmental: Oscar Fuentes, Acuña; Scott Wagner, Avon; Chris Windhaus, Bowling Green; James Hartley, Huntington
- Best Quick Kaizen: Rafael Monjaras, Acuña; James Harrison, Bowling Green; George T. Small, Hanover; James Hartley, Huntington
- Most Quick Kaizens: Yolanda Flota, Acuña; Lisa Eldridge, Bowling Green; Amy Leppo, Hanover; Butch Bowers, Huntington
- KPS Outstanding Contributor: Maria Alvarez, Acuña; Brian Moon, Bowling Green; Scott O'Donnell, Hanover; Jay Edwards, Huntington

“Recognizing our KPS award winners and their efforts is something I look forward to each year because it’s an opportunity to shine a spotlight on our team members’ hard work and dedication across locations,” said Eddie Wilkinson, Bendix vice president, project management office. “This being the recognition program’s 10th year makes it all the more special. What we, with the help of our award winners, accomplished in 2022 is truly remarkable. These people lead the way – embodying the KPS spirit of operational excellence and helping to motivate everyone around them in our drive for continuous improvement.”

All Bendix manufacturing operations are committed to the KPS quality, productivity, and continuous improvement culture, practiced worldwide throughout the Munich, Germany-based Knorr-Bremse, of which Bendix is a member.

KPS was implemented at Bendix beginning in 2012. A key aspect of the KPS philosophy is encouraging and empowering employees to recognize potential problems, then develop and help implement their own suggestions for quality improvements. These employee-driven changes are what help define a Quick Kaizen environment where people and teams proactively seek to improve manufacturing. In 2022, Bendix team members identified and implemented more than 23,000 ideas – among the most ever since Bendix put Quick Kaizens into operation in 2013.

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“For more than a decade, we’ve challenged and empowered Bendix employees to initiate and drive improvements across the KPS priority areas, and our team members have continued to embrace this challenge and drive operational improvements,” said Mike Hawthorne, Bendix president and CEO. “We can take a great deal of pride in the improvement culture we’ve created and how it’s evolved. Together, we’ve not only enhanced the Bendix workplace, but we’ve also enhanced and strengthened our position as a leader in vehicle safety technologies and manufacturing.”

About Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, a member of Knorr-Bremse, develops and supplies leading-edge active safety technologies, energy management solutions, and air brake charging and control systems and components under the Bendix® brand name for medium- and heavy-duty trucks, tractors, trailers, buses, and other commercial vehicles throughout North America. An industry pioneer, employing more than 4,400 people, Bendix – and its wholly owned subsidiary, R.H. Sheppard Co., Inc. – is driven to deliver the best solutions for improved vehicle safety, performance, and overall operating cost. Contact us at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725) or visit [bendix.com](https://www.bendix.com). Stay connected and informed through Bendix expert podcasts, blog posts, videos, and other resources at [knowledge-dock.com](https://www.knowledge-dock.com). Follow Bendix on Twitter at twitter.com/Bendix_CVS. Log on and learn from the Bendix experts at [brake-school.com](https://www.brake-school.com). And to learn more about career opportunities at Bendix, visit [bendix.com/careers](https://www.bendix.com/careers).

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