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**The Collins Companies Certified By the Women's Business Enterprise
National Council –**

East Windsor, CT, The Collins Companies industrial piping product distributor and service provider for valves and compressors is proud to announce national certification as a Women's Business Enterprise by the Center for Women and Enterprise, a regional certifying partner of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). WBENC Certification is the gold standard for women-owned business certification in the United States.

*"We're thrilled to finally receive our WBENC certification after months of review. As a family business started by my father, this achievement reflects the hard work and support of so many people who helped build The Collins Companies into what it is today. This certification opens new doors for us through supplier diversity programs, and I'm excited about the opportunities ahead. As a woman leading a company in the industrial sector, I hope our story shows that there's room for more women to grow, lead, and make an impact in this industry." - **Kala McDonald, CEO, The Collins Companies***

WBENC certification follows a thorough review process designed to validate women-owned businesses and recognize the leadership and operational foundation behind them. For The Collins Companies, earning this certification is both an exciting achievement and a reflection of our continued commitment to growth, partnership, and opportunity.

As a woman-led, family-owned business, we are proud to expand our participation in supplier diversity initiatives and connect with organizations that share our commitment to building a stronger and more inclusive business community. The certification also provides access to a nationwide network of women business leaders, educational resources, and strategic opportunities that support long-term success for women-owned enterprises.

About The Collins Companies:

The Collins Companies is a family-owned industrial distributor and solutions provider serving customers throughout the Northeast and beyond. Through its operating companies, including Collins Pipe & Supply, Collins Controls, Niagara Controls, International Valve & Instrument, Collins Compressors, Washburn-Garfield, and Waites Industrial, the company delivers industrial products, engineered solutions, and repair services, both with valves and compressed air systems. With locations throughout New England and New York, The Collins Companies combines local expertise with the resources to support customers regionally, nationally, and globally. To learn more about The Collins Companies please visit collinspipe.com

About WBENC:

Founded in 1997, WBENC is the nation's leader in women's business development and the leading third-party certifier of businesses owned and operated by women, with more than 18,000 certified Women's Business Enterprises, 14 national Regional Partner Organizations, and more than 500 Corporate Members, most of which are Fortune 500. Thousands of corporations representing America's most prestigious brands, as well as many states, cities, and other entities, look for and accept WBENC Certification. Through the Women Owned initiative, WBENC also is a leader in supporting consumer-oriented female entrepreneurs and those who do business with them by raising awareness for why, where and how to buy Women Owned. For more information, visit www.wbenc.org and www.buywomenowned.com.

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