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LXP Adds One and Promotes One to Boost Capabilities of Its Supplier Quality Services Team

PITTSBURGH – Leveraged Execution Providers (LXP) today announced the addition of Janet Roe Everette as director – supplier quality services (SQS). LXP also announced the promotion of Jennifer Blum to manager – supplier quality services.

Everette's hiring fills a newly created position responsible for developing and managing LXP's field transportation and logistics support team. The SQS team focuses on ensuring efficient and effective interaction between vendor, hub and distributor operations and LXP's carriers in conjunction with the McDonald's Freight Optimization Initiative. As SQS director, Everette is responsible for managing all of LXP's field logistics activities and stakeholder relationships related to the McDonald's initiative.

Prior to joining LXP, Everette was marketing and product development manager for O'Charley's Inc. She has extensive experience with the McDonald's network, having served as division purchasing development manager and national new products manager with McDonald's Corporation, as well as research development manager and purchasing manager with the Perseco Company.

In her new role, Blum is responsible for supporting the SQS team in its efforts to manage field logistics activities related to the McDonald's managed freight initiative. She also will be coordinating the development of a robust communications program to ensure that all McDonald's system stakeholders continually are kept informed of the progress of all significant LXP efforts in relation to the initiative.

"Janet and Jennifer provide us with a tremendous base of experience and capability for our SQS team," said Paul Newbourne, vice president of network operations for LXP. "They will help ensure that LXP customer service levels are maintained and that we are successful in driving continuous improvement into stakeholder operations as they relate to the McDonald's transportation network."

As the foundation for the McDonald's Freight Optimization Initiative, LXP serves as the lead logistics provider for the McDonald's USA transportation network. The company is responsible for planning a wide-ranging program designed to centralize and optimize the management of McDonald's domestic freight.

Based in Pittsburgh, Leveraged Execution Providers is a wholly owned subsidiary of Armada Supply Chain Solutions. LXP develops, implements and manages customized supply chain solutions that drive operating efficiencies for its customers.

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