Manufacturing Economic Environment Is a 'Concern'

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The Manufacturing Institute [1]recently honored Denise Stanislawczyk, Operations Manager of ABB's Measurement Products, with the Women in Manufacturing STEP Award. In this interview, Denise discusses women's place in the field, current challenges in the industry, and how those challenges might be overcome.

Barnes: Can you tell us about the STEP awards? Why is it important to acknowledge women in the industry?

Stanislawczyk: The Manufacturing Institute, an affiliate of the National Association of Manufacturers [2], launched the STEP Ahead Initiative in 2012 to recognize women in the manufacturing industry. It's important to acknowledge women in manufacturing since we are the minority. According to one of the articles [3] on Manufacturing Institute's website, there are 46.6% women in the workforce, but only 24.8% in the manufacturing industry.

Barnes: Tell us about the kind of work you do and its significance towards moving the industry forward.

Stanislawczyk: Being the Operations Manager at ABB in Warminster, PA, I'm responsible for quality products being produced by our greatest asset, our employees. We are always driving positive change to improve how we deliver to our customers. We need to be innovative, dedicated to excellence, and profitable to keep manufacturing jobs in the U.S.

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