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## News Release

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### **Applied Industrial Technologies Receives its 16<sup>th</sup> NorthCoast 99 Award for Best Workplaces**

**CLEVELAND, OH (September 22, 2016)** – Applied Industrial Technologies (NYSE: AIT) has received the 2016 NorthCoast 99 Award for having one of Northeast Ohio’s best workplaces for top talent. This is the 16<sup>th</sup> time Applied® has been recognized by the Employer’s Resource Council (ERC) for building and maintaining a great workplace. This annual award program was founded in 1999 and carefully evaluates organizations based on their ability to attract, retain and motivate top performers.

“It is a great honor to be recognized once again as a best workplace in Northeast Ohio,” says Kurt Loring, Applied’s Vice President – Chief Human Resources Officer. “We are pleased with our progress in performance management, talent acquisition and associate development. Our company is in exciting times, and our talent investments and initiatives are helping associates reach their full potential, which in turn helps Applied reach ours,” adds Loring.

The annual NorthCoast 99 Award program is managed by Employers Resource Council (ERC), Northeast Ohio’s largest professional organization dedicated to HR best practices. Companies who receive the award demonstrate exceptional recruiting, training, development, compensation, benefits, culture, innovation and leadership. This annual award recognizes the Top 99 companies in Northeast Ohio each year.

#### **About Applied**

Founded in 1923, Applied Industrial Technologies is a leading industrial distributor serving MRO and OEM customers in virtually every industry. In addition, Applied provides engineering, design and systems integration for industrial and fluid power applications, as well as customized mechanical, fabricated rubber and fluid power shop services. Applied also offers maintenance training and inventory management solutions that provide added value to its customers. For more information, visit [www.applied.com](http://www.applied.com).

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