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## News Release

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### **Applied Industrial Technologies Receives 2015 NorthCoast 99 Award 15-Year Winner – Best Workplaces in Northeast Ohio**

**CLEVELAND, OH (September 17, 2015)** – Applied Industrial Technologies (NYSE: AIT) has been selected as one of Northeast Ohio’s best workplaces for top talent in 2015. The annual NorthCoast 99 Award program carefully evaluates and selects organizations based on their ability to attract, retain and motivate top performers. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year that Applied® has been named a NorthCoast 99 Award recipient.

“We are very pleased and gratified to again be recognized as a NorthCoast 99 Award winner,” says Kurt Loring, Applied’s Vice President – Chief Human Resources Officer. “We are further enhancing our talent management initiatives, which include anticipating organizational needs and attracting, recruiting, developing and retaining top talent. We are confident our investments in associates, systems, technologies and analytics will yield benefits for years to come.”

The annual NorthCoast 99 Award program was developed and is presented by Employers Resource Council (ERC), Northeast Ohio's leading and largest professional organization dedicated to HR practices, programs and services. Areas which are evaluated for the Award include staffing and workforce, development and training, compensation and rewards, success and performance, organizational culture and innovation.

#### **About Applied**

Founded in 1923, Applied Industrial Technologies is a leading industrial distributor that offers more than five million parts to serve the needs of 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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