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Jamie C. Kowalski Receives AHRMM's 2011 Leadership Award

CHICAGO, August 15, 2011 — The Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM) has named Jamie C. Kowalski, CEO, Jamie C. Kowalski Consulting, LLC as the recipient of the 2011 George R. Gossett Leadership Award.

The Leadership Award is presented by AHRMM in memory of George R. Gossett, an early president of AHRMM. Gossett envisioned the prominence of resource and materials management in the healthcare field and championed the educational and professional development of the resource and materials management discipline. It is the highest honor bestowed by AHRMM and is given to an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary level of leadership and professionalism in the field, made significant contributions to AHRMM and advanced the healthcare supply chain.

"Jamie Kowalski is a significant contributor to both AHRMM and the healthcare supply chain industry as a whole," said AHRMM president William Stitt. "Jamie's consulting as well as his participation in AHRMM has helped lift the industry and change materials management role from simply placing orders to serving as a critical component of a hospital's ability to maintain a positive bottom line, and, therefore, continue to serve patients."

Kowalski has been an active member of AHRMM both with local chapters and with the national organization and has published numerous articles and books during his career. Kowalski has achieved fellow status with many of the associations he participates in including AHRMM and the American College of Healthcare Executives. In addition to being on several industry related boards, Kowalski also is the co-founder and chairman of the Bellwether League, an organization dedicated solely to recognizing leaders in the healthcare supply chain industry.

Kowalski received the award on August 8, 2011, at AHRMM's Annual Conference in Boston.

About AHRMM

The Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management is the leading national association for executives in the healthcare resource and materials management profession. A professional membership group of the American Hospital Association, AHRMM serves more than 4,000 active members. Founded in 1962, AHRMM prepares its members to contribute to the field and advance the profession through networking, education, recognition, and advocacy. For more information, visit www.ahrmm.org.

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