



## **AAON Inc. Hires Stephanie Cameron as Community Relations Administrator**

Tulsa, Ok. – AAON Inc., OK2Grow and Dream It Do It Oklahoma are pleased to announce that AAON will soon welcome OK2Grow State Director Stephanie Cameron as their new Community Relations Administrator. Stephanie begins her new position at AAON starting on November 28<sup>th</sup> and will be responsible for strategies and programs that represent the company, engage employees and make a positive impact in the community. AAON will also become the new headquarters for the state-wide non-profit OK2Grow and Dream It Do It Oklahoma.

“I am truly honored and excited to join the AAON team. As manufacturers, workforce is our greatest area of concern and AAON rises to that challenge while embracing the community around it. This new position is a blend of my passions for manufacturing and making a difference in the community. I feel like this move is bringing me back to my roots, as my father owned a heating and air company, and I grew up in an HVAC family,” said Stephanie Cameron.

AAON is committed to exercising social responsibility in the many communities where its products are created and sold. AAON’s steadfast support of numerous local-nonprofit organizations and longstanding commitment to strengthening families and communities exemplifies the importance we place on corporate citizenship. AAON employees are actively involved in promoting STEM programs, financial literacy and other noteworthy initiatives.

AAON is a key sponsor to OK2Grow including hosting student interns and tours. Scott Asbjornson, AAON CFO and Vice President of Finance, was this year’s keynote speaker at the Dream It Do It Breakfast and AAON was recently recognized with the Workforce Innovation Award during Manufacturing Month.

OK2Grow is a workforce development and career pathways initiative focusing on entrepreneurship and career awareness activities. Dream It Do It is a program developed by the National Association of Manufacturers’ Manufacturing Institute. Activities through both programs include student and educator tours, classroom visits, Career Pathways fairs, internships, collaborative-industry relevant training programs and recognizing employee success. Stephanie shares OK2Grow and Dream It Do It initiatives across Oklahoma, has been invited to speak at national conferences and has received national recognition and two national best practice spotlights.

Stephanie has served as Community Affairs Director at APSCO, Inc. since 2012, currently serves as the Chair of TYPros and is involved numerous other organizations in the community.

**ABOUT AAON:**

AAON is engaged in the engineering, manufacturing, marketing and sale of semi-custom heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment (HVAC) for commercial use. AAON was founded in 1988 with the acquisition of the heating and air conditioning division of the John Zink Company. AAON Coil Products, Inc. was founded in 1991 with the acquisition of Coils Plus, Inc. of Longview, Texas. The Tulsa offices and manufacturing facilities are over 1.37 million sq. ft.; the Longview offices and manufacturing facilities are over 263,000 sq. ft. In the two plants combined, AAON employs over 2000 individuals.

**ABOUT OK2GROW:**

OK2Grow was founded in 2012 by three small business owners, Lynda Wingo, Jerry Holder and the late Larry Mocha (2015, President of APSCO) established the 501(c)3 with the mission of creating collaboration between the education system and business. OK2Grow is the umbrella for three initiatives: Youth Entrepreneurship, Career Awareness and Dream It Do It Oklahoma. OK2Grow works to facilitate the development of Oklahoma's future workforce by creating awareness of careers and promoting pathways that build confidence and excitement for workplace success. [www.ok2grow.org](http://www.ok2grow.org)