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### **Metals Innovation Initiative Welcomes Environmental Engineer Veteran** *Laura Haury joins MI2 as the sustainability project coordinator*

**BOWLING GREEN, KY (Feb. 12, 2026)** — Kentucky's Metals Innovation Initiative (MI2) team recently welcomed metals manufacturing industry veteran Laura Haury as the organization's sustainability project coordinator. Haury's role will bridge manufacturing operations, environmental stewardship and public education, one of the only roles of its kind in the state.

In her position, Haury will focus on recycling efforts, environmental education and outreach. In partnership with The Recycling Society's Million Can contest, she will also help raise awareness about aluminum recycling while developing school and community programs to increase current recycling rates.

"Aluminum recycling and all metals recovery are critical to our industry, our economy and our environment," said Haury. "Helping our children to learn the importance of recycling and giving them the tools to become lifelong recyclers equals sustainability. MI2's plan, in partnership with The Recycling Society, is to take the program we've developed in our region to the whole Commonwealth and really make a difference in recycling rates."

Haury brings decades of experience in environmental engineering and manufacturing sustainability to MI2. Most recently, Haury spent nearly two decades with Logan Aluminum, where she served as senior environmental engineer, leading efforts in water quality management, waste reduction, recycling and environmental compliance. During her tenure, Haury provided environmental leadership through three major manufacturing expansions while playing a key role in advancing sustainability initiatives at one of Kentucky's largest metals operations.

MI2's sustainability efforts support Kentucky's metals industry, which contributes \$38 billion in annual economic output and supports more than 132,000 jobs statewide. Haury's role reinforces MI2's mission to align industry, education and innovation to ensure the long-term strength and continued viability of the Commonwealth's metals sector.

#### **About MI2**

MI2 is a Kentucky-based nonprofit working to position the Commonwealth as a global leader in metals innovation. By bringing together industry, government, and research partners, MI2 drives progress in sustainability, workforce development, advanced manufacturing, and commercialization across the state's robust metals sector.

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