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Zak Otto Joins Wixon as Technical R&D Manager for Protein

ST. FRANCIS, Wis. – Wixon, a manufacturer of seasonings, flavors and technologies for the food and beverage industry, has named Zak Otto as Technical R&D Manager for the company's Protein Division.

In his new role, Otto will oversee operations of Wixon's Protein Pilot Plant and enhance the efficiency of protein seasonings into applications.

Otto has more than 14 years experience in product development for the food industry, including spices and consumer packaged goods. He formerly served as a Food Scientist for Wixon and most recently as R&D Manager for Palermo's Pizza in Milwaukee.

Otto earned a master of business administration degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee and a bachelor of science degree in food science from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

He is a former Chair of the Wisconsin Section of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) and vice president of the board of directors for the German Immersion Foundation in Milwaukee.

For more than 100 years, Wixon has been a trusted provider of flavors, seasonings, and technologies for food and beverage manufacturers. With its scientific and culinary capabilities combined with a passion for service, Wixon drives innovation and solutions for its customers. Wixon focuses on its core areas of expertise: Industrial Ingredients, including Foodservice; Consumer Products; and Protein. Customers are encouraged to tap into a portfolio of services, including R&D, custom formulation development, turnkey solutions, and menu ideation. Wixon ingredients are globally-sourced and go beyond FDA standards to ensure quality and cleanliness. The company also offers spice grinding, blending, and a complete line of package engineering options. Located in St. Francis, Wis., a suburb of Milwaukee, Wixon is GFSI Certified to FSSC

22000, ISO9001 Certified, and QAI Organic Certified. More information on Wixon or any of its products may be obtained at www.wixon.com or by calling (414) 769-3000.

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