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ASC RELEASES INAUGURAL QUARTERLY 'INDUSTRY PULSE' RESULTS

New Industry Survey Reveals Mixed Q1 2026 Performance Amid Cautious Optimism

June 1, 2026 – Alexandria, VA – The Adhesive and Sealant Council (ASC) today published the first-ever results of its newly launched ASC Industry Pulse survey, a quarterly benchmarking initiative designed to give the adhesive and sealant industry real-time visibility into industry-wide trends. The Q1 2026 report, based on responses from 74 industry participants, marks the first time ASC has published industry performance data on a quarterly basis.

The survey captures quarter-over-quarter performance across key business metrics, including company revenue, bottom-line profits, shipment volumes, and workforce levels. Q1 2026 results show that while the typical industry business reported a modest revenue increase of +1% to +5% compared to Q1 2025, a significant portion of respondents held steady, with 22% reporting largely unchanged performance. Shipment volumes showed more muted growth. Encouragingly, 89% of respondents anticipate revenue growth over the next 12 months, reflecting a broadly optimistic outlook despite near-term headwinds.

“This is a landmark moment for our industry. For the first time, ASC members have access to consistent, quarterly benchmarking data that reflects the real pulse of the adhesive and sealant sector,” said ASC President Bill Allmond. “We launched this survey because our members told us they needed timely, actionable intelligence — and today’s release delivers exactly that.”

The report also highlights the biggest challenges facing businesses in the sector. Cost inflation topped the list by a wide margin, cited by 67% of respondents as a top-three concern. Demand uncertainty (52%), pricing pressure (45%), and supply chain disruption (42%) rounded out the leading challenges. Tariffs were also a notable concern, flagged by 25% of participants. On the workforce front, survey respondents alike rated finding and retaining skilled employees as moderately difficult, an ongoing pressure point for the industry.

End market demand trends varied considerably in Q1. Aerospace/Defense and Electronics reported strong demand increases of 10% or more, as did Medical/Healthcare. Automotive & Transportation and Industrial Manufacturing, however, saw demand declines of 10% or more — a divergence that underscores the uneven recovery across end markets.

“The data tells a nuanced story: our industry is holding its ground and looking ahead with confidence, even as cost pressures and demand uncertainty remain very real challenges,” Allmond said. “We’re committed to continuing this survey every quarter so members can track trends over time and make smarter strategic decisions.”

The ASC Industry Pulse will be conducted and published on a quarterly basis going forward. Full results are available exclusively to ASC members. For more information on how to participate in the next survey or to access the Q1 2026 report, visit <https://www.ascouncil.org/asc-industry-pulse>.

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The Adhesive and Sealant Council (ASC) is a North American trade association dedicated to representing the adhesive and sealant industry. The Council is comprised of 125 adhesive and sealant manufacturers, raw material and equipment suppliers, distributors and industry consultants, representing more than 75% of the U.S. industry with operations around the world. Offering education, legislative advocacy, professional networking and business growth solutions for its members, the ASC is the center of knowledge and catalyst for industry growth on a global basis for manufacturers, suppliers and end-users. For more information about ASC, visit www.ascouncil.org.

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